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WASHINGTON.

Debate in the Senate on the Proposed Air-Line Railroad.

Appropriation Bills Reported and Discussed in the House.

Speech of Mr. Washburne on the National Expenditures.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Mr. SHERMAN said all that could be said in the Senate to-day in favor of his bill for the chartering of the Air-line Railroad between New-York and Washington. He adverted to the management and excessive charges of the Baltimore and Ohio Road, both for freight and passengers, and to the Maryland and New-Jersey taxes, contending that Congress had clearly and indubitably the authority, and that if there was no remedy in Congress to increase the facilities of travel to this city, the only alternative was to remove the capital. Two very large lobbies are operating for and against this measure, and Senators are very much divided in opinion on the question. The prevailing opinion appears to be that the bill, the further consideration of which has been postponed to Monday next, will not pass the Senate.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The Pension Appropriation bill came up to-day as the special order, and its consideration was prefaced by Mr. WASHBURNE in a terse speech. The bill then passed without debate. The Consular and Diplomatic bill was then taken up, and its consideration proceeded with. The amendments of the Committee were all agreed to, and after a warm contest an amendment offered by Gen. BUTLER abolishing the South American Missions of Chili, Ecuador and Bolivia, was adopted. Gen. BUTLER thus pays off Gen. KILPATRICK, who stumped his District last Fall against him.

MRS. MURPHY'S WAR CLAIMS.

The claims of Mrs. MURPHY for compensation for alleged damages to her property by United States troops during the late war came up for discussion again in the Senate to-day. Senators WILLEY and RICE were rather energetic in their demands that the claim should be paid, while Senator FRELINGHUYSEN took the opposite side of the question. There are hundreds of cases like this which probably ought to be allowed, but if once the precedent of paying a claim of this character is established, it will be impossible to draw the line of distinction between it and other demands which will certainly be brought forward, and which, if favorably passed upon, will take millions of dollars out of the Treasury.

MILITARY OFFICERS.

Senator EDMUNDS introduced a bill about a week ago, which, in plain terms, though not in words said military officers should not be appointed to Cabinet or other high positions of civil trust. A substitute for this bill was reported from the Judiciary Committee to-day, which will practically have the same effect that the original bill would have had if passed. It provides that no person shall have, hold nor receive compensation for discharging the duties of two offices at the same time, whether such office be civil or artillary, and the acceptance of one shall be deemed the resignation of the other.

UNITED STATES PROTECTORATES.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, at a meeting to-day, decided to report a joint resolution providing that the United States may establish a protectorate over the islands in the Caribbean Sea, for the purpose of enabling them to establish stable republican forms of government against any and all influences foreign to them, or whenever the people of said islands may request the same. Hayti and St. Domingo are mentioned by name, and Cuba and Porto Rico are very strongly squinted at. The Committee will also favorably report on the Senate resolution expressive of sympathy with the people of Spain. Gen. BUTLER, when the latter comes up for consideration, will offer an amendment advising the Spanish people to establish a republican form of government. It is also expected that he will introduce a resolution of sympathy with the Cubans.

THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER.

The Senate Finance Committee have agreed to report adversely to the nomination of ALEXANDER CUMMINGS to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. It is understood that Senator CAMERON has ceased to press his influence in behalf of Mr. CUMMINGS. Commissioner ROLLINS, who returned this morning, will stick until the 4th of March.

PROPOSED BRIDGE AT HARTFORD.

The construction of a bridge over the Connecticut River at Hartford was considered to-day by the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, but no definite action was taken on the subject.

THE ALASKA INVESTIGATION.

The Alaska investigation will be resumed to-morrow, Mr. HULBURD, Chairman of the Committee having returned to-day. Several more newspaper correspondents will be examined.

THE NEW-YORK ELECTION INVESTIGATION.

Hon. H. L. DAWES, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, and member of the Committee on Election Frauds in New-York, returned to-day, having spent the greater part of the recess in attendance upon the sessions of the Committee. He reports a large amount of evidence taken, and more in preparation, the character of which fully justifies the investigation. The Committee will begin sessions in some of the interior counties early next week.

SENATORIAL CONTESTS.

The several Senatorial contests excite much interest here. That in New-York is most absorbing, of course. The Fenton influence, which is very much here, claims to have been largely reinforced in the Legislature during the past few days, and that their candidate's prospects are improving. Entire confidence is felt, however, in the reelection of Senator MORGAN, and it is the simple truth to state that of all the candidates for reelection his return is more earnestly desired by the members of both Houses than that of any other. Gov. MORGAN left for New-York to-day, for a brief absence. In Pennsylvania the dispatches received to-day indicate the contest as settled by the concentration of both the Curtin and Cameron elements upon Hon. JOHN SCOTT, of Huntingdon County, who will be nominated by the Republican caucus to-night. Mr. SCOTT is comparatively unknown outside of the State, but is represented as a lawyer of much ability. He has been for many years the attorney of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

BRICKLAYERS' CONVENTION.

The National Bricklayers' Convention will hold its annual session here next Monday, when it is stated measures will be adopted to obviate the injurious effects of strikes as far as possible. The question of the repeal of the Conspiracy laws in the States where they exist, and other subjects affecting the trades in general, will be discussed.

THE CASE OF SURRATT.

We say never likely to hear the end of the Surratt case. The District-Attorney formed a fresh indictment against him a few days ago, for being engaged in the rebellion, with the additional clause that the said JOHN H. SURRATT fled from justice. This indictment was first found a true bill, but it was reconsidered and ignored in consequence, it is said, of the President's recent amnesty proclamation.

ENTERTAINMENTS TO COME.

Senator SHERMAN will shortly give an entertainment to some of his financial friends on the Finance, Appropriation and Ways and Means Committees of the two Houses, together with the heads of departments. Hon. D. MCCARTHY, the Syracuse Representative, is also preparing for a grand party, to be given shortly. He has taken the spacious house formerly occupied by Hon. SAYRADOR JOHNSON.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.

Among the latest arrivals in the city are Collector SMITH, Hon. W. A. DARLING, Hon. W. A. WHEELER, of New-York; Ex-Gov. SLADE, of Vermont; also J. WATSON WEBB, United States Minister to Brazil, who was on the floor of both Houses, and received the congratulations of many members.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

The following is the statement of the public debt of the United States on the 1st day of January, 1869:

Debt Bearing Coin Interest.

Five per cent. bonds	$283,260,800 00
Six per cents. bonds of 1881	283,677,400 00
Six per cent. five-twenty bonds	1,602,566,650 00
Total	$2,107,635,850 00

Debt Bearing Currency Interest.

Certificates at three per cent	$55,865,000 00
Navy pension fund at three per cent.	14,000,000 00
Total	$69,865,000 00

Matured Debt not Presented for Payment.

Three years seven-thirty notes due Aug. 15, 1867, and June and July, 1868	$2,174,900 00
Compound interest notes matured June 10, July 15, Aug. 15, Sept. 15, Dec. 15, 1867, May 15, Aug. 1, Sept. 1 and 15, and Oct. 1 and 15, 1868	3,878,290 00
Bonds, Texas indemnity	256,000 00
Treasury notes, acts of July 17, 1861, and prior thereto	148,561 64
Bonds April 15, 1842, Jan. 28, 1847, and March 31, 1848	349,950 00
Treasury notes, March 3, 1863	445,492 00
Temporary loan	197,310 00
Certificates of indebtedness	15,000 00
Total	$7,463,503 64

Debt Bearing No Interest.

United States notes	$356,021,075 00
Fractional currency	24,215,715 64
Gold certificates of deposit	27,086,020 00
Six per cent., lawful money, bonds issued to Pacific Railroad Companies	50,097 000 00
Total	$457,369,808 64
Total debt	$2,652,533,662 28

Amount in the Treasury.

Coin	$96,769,386 97
Currency	13,063,092 12
Total	$111,836,461 09
Am't of debt less cash in Treasury	$2,540,707,201 25

The foregoing is a correct statement of the public debt, as appears from the books and Treasurer's returns in the Department on the 1st of January, 1869.

HUGH MCCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

DEBTS DUE THE GOVERNMENT.

There is a large number of old debts, mostly in judgments, due the United States, out of which nothing has been collected for many years. Especial effort has been made during the past three years to make something out of them. In some cases lands have been levied on which are so encumbered by prior liens that nothing can be made by ordinary proceedings. In other cases debtors have disposed of their property in such manner as to prevent it from being liable to the payment of these debts by ordinary proceedings. In other cases debtors have equitable interests which can only be reached by proceedings in chancery. In other cases protracted litigations are pending, with which the present officers have had no connection. In view of these and other facts stated by the Solicitor of the Treasury, the Secretary has proposed to Congress a section, to be made a part of the General Appropriation bill, as follows:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to allow and direct payment of any expenses necessarily incurred in collecting debts due to the United States, and in making sales of lands acquired in such collections, out of the proceeds thereof, in all cases where such payment is not now provided by law.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Navy Appropriation bill reported in the House of Representatives to-day by Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, from the Appropriation Committee, proposes considerable reduction from the bill of last year. Among some of the reductions are the following:

For the pay of commissioned, warrant and petty officers and seamen, $7,000,000 in the place of $8,100,000; for the Navy Yard at Norfolk, $30,000, in the place of $50,000; for Navy Yard at Pensacola, $30,000, in the place of $50,000; for the Naval Station at Mound City, $5,000, in the place of $27,000; for the preservation of vessels, etc., $2,000,000 in the place of $3,500,000.

The several Bureaus of the Department come in for their share in the reduction. In the appropriation for the Marine Corps a proviso is inserted that the number of non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates shall be limited to 1,500 men. The bill further proposes that the officers of the Marine Corps shall be reduced to one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, one Adjutant and Inspector, one Paymaster, one Quartermaster, one Assistant Quartermaster, twelve Captains, eighteen First Lieutenants, eighteen Second Lieutenants, and that the sergeants and corporals be reduced one fifth. The officers to be reduced or mustered out are to be determined by lot. An additional Section provides that no accounting officer or officer of the Treasury shall pass or allow any count for payment in excess of the appropriation made in the bill. The total sum appropriated by this bill is $15,378,978, being a reduction in the total amount appropriated as compared with last year's bill of $2,091,578.

THE RECENT MYSTERIOUS DEATHS.

In the case of the colored man found dead at the French Minister's residence yesterday, the Coroner's jury, which met at noon to-day, was adjourned for a week, in order to enable the chemist to make a thorough analysis of the contents of their stomachs.

INDIAN AGENTS.

In accordance with the Senate resolution of Dec. 21, the Secretary of the Interior transmitted to that body to-day a list of the Indian Superintendents and Agents, designating those absent from their posts. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs states that the only officers absent from their posts at the date of the resolution, so far as known to him, were the following, viz.: Superintendent H. B. DENMAN and Special Agent J. W. COLLEY, who were directed to report in person on official business, and Agents L. HAWN, Jr., and H. CHANKLIN, who were granted leave of absence by the Superintendent in whose charge they are embraced.

THE NEGRO TROUBLES IN GEORGIA.

The following dispatches were received at headquarters of the army to-day:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4, 1869.

To Gen. U. S. Grant, Washington, D. C.

I transmit the latest dispatches received from Gen. SIMPSON, commanding in Georgia, in relation to the reported difficulties on the Ogechee. Gen. SIMPSON has been instructed not to permit the organization of any armed bodies, whether white or black, in contravention of law; to preserve the peace at all hazards, to cooperate with the civil authorities in case he finds the same are acting in good faith, and that their action is necessary for the preservation of the peace, and not as at Camilla, the law made a pretext for committing outrages on negroes. At the same time he is instructed to disarm and disperse all assemblages of negroes, and require them to submit to the legal action of the civil authorities.

(Signed) GEORGE G. MEAD,
Major-General United States Army.

Telegram received at Washington, Jan. 4, 1869, from Headquarters, District of Georgia, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 3, 1869:

To Major-Gen. Geo. G. Meade, Philadelphia:

I have the honor to report my arrival at this place, and to report the following statement made by Col. WILLIAMS: "The troubles on the Ogeechee are confined to the Middleton and Luckery plantation. MIDDLETON accused the negroes of stealing pigs, and got out warrants to arrest them. The Sheriff applied for the military to execute the warrants, but was refused and furnished with a copy of the circular of Sept. 25, 1868, for his information. He went with two deputies to make the arrests, but got frightened at the negro assemblage, and run off. His call for a posse and went out with 190 men. When they got near the station they saw a boy about 14 years old, and shot him through the leg. They saw some other negroes at the station and ordered them to give up their arms. The negroes refused, and they fired on them, wounding two or three. All this time the Sheriff was in the woods away from his posse. They were then advised to return to the city, which they did. The citizens then called a meeting and organized three companies, commanded by Generals and Colonels, for duty. They have enlisted from 400 to 500 men, and are still organizing. I ordered Major to go out to see the negroes, and went with him myself. We arrived at night and found the negroes very much frightened, but when we made known our intention not to trouble them, they became pacified and gave up their arms of the previous night. We found the newspaper accounts to be exaggerated. There were about fifty men, women and children. These said one hundred and sixty stands of arms were all the arms, etc., of the men had on hand. We have been quiet ever since. The citizens are very much excited, and have applied for more troops. I have not deemed it necessary to send any more troops to the district, as I think the civil authorities can control the matter. I have the honor to be, General, your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN SIMPSON,
Brevet Brigadier-General U. S. A., Commanding.

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FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, D. C., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, in response to the resolution of inquiry in regard to the fur interests in Alaska, transmitting the report of Commander J. W. WEST, of the revenue service, of his cruise during the past Summer in the Alaska waters. Referred to the Committee on Territories. Also a communication from the Secretary of the Interior in regard to the number of names of Indian Agents, who are absent from their posts. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Also, a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in response to the resolution of inquiry in regard to the cost of issuing the fractional currency.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. SUMNER presented a petition asking Congress to put certain regular soldiers on the same footing with volunteers in reference to bounties. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. POMEROY presented the petition of WILLIAM P. RICHARDSON of five hundred citizens of Missouri, in favor of general suffrage without distinction of race or color. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FERRY offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit copies of all correspondence between the First Commissioner of Patents relating to the contracts and supplies of stationery for the Patent Office; also, copies of all orders of the Secretary appointing Committees to examine and report upon such contracts, with copies of the Committees' report. Adopted.

Mr. CHANDLER offered a resolution directing the Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the expediency of reorganizing the Department of Agriculture so as to provide for the selection of one person from each State, familiar with the agricultural wants and interests of such State, to occupy a semi-official position in the Department. Adopted.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Judiciary Committee, reported the following substitute for the bill introduced by him on the 15th of December, to prevent the holding of civil offices by military officers, and to prevent the holding of more than one office at the same time:

Be it enacted, &c., That no person shall hold, nor shall he receive a salary or compensation for performing the duties of more than one office or place of trust or profit under the Constitution of the United States, or under the same time, whether such office or place be civil, military or naval, and any person holding any such office or place who shall accept and shall enter upon the duties of place or office under the Constitution or laws of the United States, shall be deemed to have vacated the office or place which he held at the time of such acceptance.

Mr. SHERMAN presented a petition from citizens of Ohio, asking Congress to pass laws to guard against fraudulent naturalization. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. FERRY, the Senate took up the bill to extend the patent of JOHN YOUNG for a washing machine.

Messrs. MORRILL of Vermont, CONKLING and DOOLITTLE opposed the bill, and, on motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the consideration was postponed.

THE AIR-LINE RAILROAD BILL.

The Senate then took up Mr. SHERMAN'S bill to promote commerce between the States, &c.—the Air-Line Railroad bill—which was read at length.

Mr. SHERMAN said that the Committee had not thought it necessary to make a written report in favor of this bill, because a member of the House from Illinois (Mr. WASHBURNE) had already made a report upon the subject, discussing fully the legal questions involved. The bill he said proposed the character of three railroads—one from Washington to New York, one from Washington to Pittsburg, and one from Washington to Cincinnati. The questions to be considered in connection with this bill were, first, the necessity for such new roads, and second, the extent of the power of Congress over existing railroads and to authorize the construction of new roads. In regard to the first question, it was a remarkable fact that the only access from the north, east or west to the national Capital is by one railroad, a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad—a Maryland corporation. No other town in the country of the size, or near the size of Washington, was without competing lines, and was all the more remarkable when it was remembered that Washington was the capital of the nation of thirty-six millions of people and the seat of all the great Departments of the General Government. Congress having executive control over the affairs of the District had corresponding duties, one of which might reasonably be claimed to be to provide for citizens of the District equal commercial and traveling facilities with the people of other like places. This duty was not discharged while the people of Washington were left dependent upon a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. A great foreign corporation might, and probably would at any time, and being entirely beyond their control, it would be natural that dissatisfaction should arise from the fact that the corporation had a monopoly of railroad transit to and from Washington, even if it were content with a fair profit upon its investment; but such was not the case. A careful examination would show that the Washington branch of the road yielded profits grossly out of proportion to its cost. This branch was only thirty miles long, extending from Washington to the Relay House, and the report for 1865 showed its gross earnings that year to have been $916,367, or $30,000 a mile. During the same year the expense of operating was $360,284, leaving a balance of $550,993 as the profit on thirty miles of railroad for a year. He had not seen any statement of the cost of constructing the road, but from the comparatively easy grade and the absence of engineering difficulties he thought it could not have been more than $50,000 per mile, so that the annual profit was about 3½ per cent. upon its estimated cost. This profit was divided between the stockholders and the State of Maryland, and, in fact, the whole policy and management of the corporation were shaped with a view to serve its own interests, second, to serve the interests of Baltimore and build it up, and third, to serve the interests of Maryland. He did not blame the corporation for this, but it showed how unsafe and how wrong it was to leave the national capital, and the citizens in all parts of the country who visit it, at the mercy of such a corporation; and it was in view of the necessary power of Congress to do so relieve them of this dependence that he proposed to authorize the building of competing roads without cost to the United States. Another reason why such roads should be built, especially one from the West was the inconvenience and want of direct communication now existing. Leaving the passenger who wishes to go West from Washington to travel first thirty miles eastward to Baltimore, or if he prefers another route, to go still further East and compromise an entirely new journey when he faces westward. There should be a road from the West direct to Washington, which is the nearest place west of Pittsburg, Cincinnati, and all the other Western cities. But look at the matter again as affecting the interests of Washington, and all who had occasion to visit it from the Northeast or West, it would be noted that the cost of travel and transportation upon the Washington branch is much greater than the cost upon the same distance on any other road, and equal grounds, too, than on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Road. The tax paid by that road to Maryland seemed to be levied chiefly upon the Washington branch. The passengers on that branch paid nearly four cents a mile, while the through line paid only about one cent a mile would yield a handsome annual profit. The charges for freight carriage were even more exorbitant. In a statement put forth recently by a public meeting of citizens of Washington, there was mentioned the case of a merchant there who had imported some hardware from England, the duty upon which, for his stock on hand, amounted to $1,000. The freight from Liverpool to Washington (3,000 miles) were less than the railroad charges from Baltimore to Washington, (thirty-three miles.) Also, another case, in which the freight charge from Chicago to Baltimore was less than that from Baltimore to Washington. The same merchant had also reported that in many cases freights had been delayed by the Baltimore authorities when goods on Virginia as lower rates than those charged for bringing it from Baltimore to Washington. Even cost or regard for the local interests or convenience of the people of Columbia it was clearly the duty of the Congress of the United States to provide for the building of a road which would relieve the people of the District from the burdens of the present monopoly. It was not clear that if such roads were not built, and the present state of things were allowed to continue, its tendency and result must inevitably be the removal of the national capital. Washington was already [illegible] from the centre of the population, and removal had been talked of upon that ground; but its true situation on the Potomac, its association with the fame and memory of WASHINGTON, and the fact that costly public buildings had been erected there, were all powerful reasons against such removal, and would probably be conclusive ones, if by the construction of these proposed railroads the city were made more accessible and less expensive to reach or to live in. 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Sir: Two bills, Senate bills Nos. 55 and 56, are now pending before the Senate of the United States, which propose to incorporate several companies and authorize them to build railroads, seven in all, radiating from the city of Washington and covering over one hundred and eight different States. These bills confer very great powers and impose few restrictions. For example, one of them authorizes the construction of a road in any point of view it will be in the direction of the Washington branch of the road, and except [illegible] so much greater than the cost of the same distance on any other road, and equal grounds, too, than on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Road. The tax paid by that road to Maryland seemed to be levied chiefly upon the Washington branch. The passengers on that branch paid nearly four cents a mile, while the through line paid only about one cent a mile would yield a handsome annual profit. The charges for freight carriage were even more exorbitant. In a statement put forth recently by a public meeting of citizens of Washington, there was mentioned the case of a merchant there who had imported some hardware from England, the duty upon which, for his stock on hand, amounted to $1,000. The freight from Liverpool to Washington (3,000 miles) were less than the railroad charges from Baltimore to Washington, (thirty-three miles.) Also, another case, in which the freight charge from Chicago to Baltimore was less than that from Baltimore to Washington. The same merchant had also reported that in many cases freights had been delayed by the Baltimore authorities when goods on Virginia as lower rates than those charged for bringing it from Baltimore to Washington. Even cost or regard for the local interests or convenience of the people of Columbia it was clearly the duty of the Congress of the United States to provide for the building of a road which would relieve the people of the District from the burdens of the present monopoly. It was not clear that if such roads were not built, and the present state of things were allowed to continue, its tendency and result must inevitably be the removal of the national capital. Washington was already [illegible] from the centre of the population, and removal had been talked of upon that ground; but its true situation on the Potomac, its association with the fame and memory of WASHINGTON, and the fact that costly public buildings had been erected there, were all powerful reasons against such removal, and would probably be conclusive ones, if by the construction of these proposed railroads the city were made more accessible and less expensive to reach or to live in. But besides the danger to the interests of Washington from railroad monopolies, there was a worse danger to apprehend—a combination of them—in proof of which he had read by the Secretary the following circular:

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Commenting upon this circular, Mr. SHERMAN said the signers of it were among the ablest railroad men in the country, but he warned them that this effort of theirs was ill-advised, and if persisted in would inevitably result in combinations, both in the States and in Congress, which would override all attempts to prevent free competition among railroads. Experience had shown, not only that such competition was beneficial to the public, developing territorial resources and decreasing the cost of living, but also that it was not injurious to the railroads; but even if it were injurious to them, that would be no reason why it should not exist. A man who sets up a cotton mill or a blacksmith-shop in a town does so knowing that as soon as there arises a demand for other similar mills and shops, they will be built, and he does not object to it, and no more reasonably can a railroad company object to competition, there being no better reason for limiting by law the number of railroads than for limiting the number of steamboats or cotton mills. In illustration of the good effects of competition, he referred to the railroad policy of Ohio, allowing the construction of railroads under a general law, which had resulted in an extraordinarily rapid development of her resources.

Mr. SHERMAN then discussed the question of the right of Congress to pass the bill under consideration, claiming that Congress had such right under the power to regulate commerce between the States, and he denied the right of Maryland, New-Jersey or any other State to set up and maintain a railroad monopoly, to the inconvenience and injury of the citizens of other States of the United States. Finally he claimed this right for Congress upon the broad ground of its necessity, internal commerce being as essential to national existence as armies or navies, or even more essential, and being as important an object of government as the preservation of life or property. To show that the view of the framers of the Constitution, he cited from the debates in the Convention which preceded its formation, and he cited also the statement of HAMILTON, in No. 11 of the *Federalist*, that the importance of the Union in a commercial light was a matter about which there was room to entertain a difference of opinion.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. SHERMAN moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Monday next; which was done.

PRIVATE RELIEF BILL.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Gen. MURPHY, of Decatur, Ala.

Mr. WILLEY advocated it upon the ground taken by Mr. HOWE in the previous debates, that the claim was for property regularly taken by the army of the United States for the benefit of the United States, and not a claim for compensation for property destroyed by the army as an incident of war, and should therefore be allowed, under the general principle that the Government has no right to take private property of a loyal citizen for public purposes without paying for it.

Mr. MORTON asked him to state the difference between the liability of the Government for property taken regularly, as in this case, by the army to build a fortification, and its liability for the property of Union men destroyed by the army on its march or during a battle.

Mr. WILLEY thought the distinction very plain, the latter being a claim for compensation for property accidentally or incidentally destroyed by the United States, and the former being a claim for property deliberately taken and used by the United States Government for its purposes. He agreed that no distinction could be made between loyal and disloyal citizens residing in the enemy's country during a war, but insisted that when the war had ceased, and the relations of the loyal citizen to his Government were resumed, the case entirely changed, and came under the principle which requires the Government to pay for all private property that it takes for public purposes. Mr. WILLEY then urged the passage of the bill, both on the ground that it would be impolitic for Congress to proclaim, by rejecting it, that in case of any future insurrection loyal citizens within the insurrectionary districts are to be treated as if they were rebels. He commented upon the language cited by Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN yesterday, that where a man lives there is his home, his country, his enemy's country in the time of war are to be regarded as public enemies, claiming that the phrase, for a time at least, used by VATTEL modified the principle and confined the application of it to time of actual war.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, in reply, said that the principle which might reasonably exist was condemned by every elementary law book and every decision of our Courts before and since the war, and he thought it a poor return to the Government for rescuing their country from the rebels, for the loyal people of the South to claim compensation for their property destroyed during the progress of the war.

Mr. CONKLING opposed the bill, not because of the merits of the case by which he knew nothing, but because he believed that the Government was as much bound to pay a loyal citizen in Alabama or Arkansas for his property taken for public use, as it was bound to pay a loyal citizen in New-York or Massachusetts. Would it be contended that the 10,000 loyal people enlisted in Arkansas were public enemies because if when they lived the Government had not so regarded them, for it had accepted their services. The statement made by the opponents of the bill that the claims presented would amount to forty millions, he thought incorrect. In his judgment, the amount would not be more than twenty-five millions.

Without acting on the bill, the Senate, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Senate bill to relieve JOHN B. STONE, of Alabama, from legal and political disabilities, was taken up, and, after a brief discussion, passed.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF EXPORTS.

Mr. SCHENCK called leave to offer a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report why the offices of Superintendents of Exports and Drawbacks at Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, which were to have been discontinued after the 30th of September, 1868, have not been discontinued.

Mr. BROOKS said that the reasons would be found satisfactory, and therefore he would not object. The resolution was agreed to.

ANOTHER SHIP-CANAL.

On motion of Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, the Secretary of War was directed to communicate the report of Gen. A. T. CRAVEN as to a ship-canal through the canal waters of Monroe Bay to the deep water in Lake Erie.

TROOPS IN THE SOUTH.

On motion of Mr. PAINE the Secretary of War was directed to communicate the number of enlisted men of the army now on duty in Texas, Mississippi and Virginia, who were citizens or residents of the late rebel States during the rebellion, and how many were soldiers in the late rebel army.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

Mr. POLAND presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Vermont, against any reciprocity treaty with Canada, and in reference to the public lands.

COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS.

Mr. ELIOT introduced a bill to provide for cases of vacancy in the office of Collector of Customs. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Speaker appointed Mr. ROGERS, of Arkansas, to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Education and Labor.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

Mr. SCHENCK, of New-Hampshire, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department of the Navy. The bill was discussed at some length by Messrs. STEVENS, O'NEIL and KELSEY in favor of it, and by Messrs. SAXTON, LOGAN and WASHBURNE of Illinois, adversely, the latter opposing it because it provides for the [illegible] only twelve Medical Inspectors, with the rank, pay and emoluments of Commodore, and [illegible] to the Surgeon-General in the Army, without Medical Director with the rank of Captain, assimilated to the rank of Colonel, &c. Before any action was taken, the morning hour expired, and the bill went over to the morning hour to-morrow.

THE NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Naval Appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1870. Ordered to be printed and recommitted. The bill appropriates $15,273,672, being $2,091,578 less than was appropriated for the present year. It comprises $7,000,000 for the pay of the Navy, $450,000 for the pay of the Marine Corps, the numerical strength of which is fixed at 1,500 men, to be officered by one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, one Adjutant and Inspector, one Paymaster, one Quartermaster, one Assistant Quartermaster, twelve Captains, eighteen First Lieutenants, eighteen Second Lieutenants. The Sergeants, Corporals and Clerks are to be reduced two-fifths. The reductions of the officers and non-commissioned officers are to be determined by lot.

THE PENSION APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Pension Appropriation Bill, Mr. ALLISON in the chair, and Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, addressed it on Government economy, as follows:

SPEECH OF MR. WASHBURNE.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, in proceeding to the consideration of the first in the series of regular appropriation bills to be considered, it may not be deemed inappropriate to submit to the House some observations on the character and extent of the appropriations necessary for the support of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1870, and other cognate matters. It must be a matter of profound congratulation to the good citizens that the time is now come when the attention of the people can be given in a greater degree to the material and vital interests of the country. A gigantic rebellion suppressed; the curse of human slavery abolished; the rebellious States reconstructed, or in the process of reconstruction, on the basis of equal rights before the law by a loyal administration of the country secured for the next four years; the bitterness of party feeling assuaged, the earnest attention of the American people will now be turned to questions of the internal administration of the country. The excitement and passions growing out of the war and out of the contests connected therewith will die away with the lapse of time, and the people will compel Congress to confront other and different questions than those which have for so many years overshadowed and swallowed up everything else. With the unreconstructed States admitted into the Union, with full and equal protection for all men in all the States, and with MANHOOD SUFFRAGE secured by legislation or constitutional amendment, the minds of the people will turn to questions of finance, of taxes, of economy, of decreased expenditures, and honest and enlightened legislation, to questions of tariffs, and to questions of railroad, telegraph, and express monopolies, which are sucking the very life-blood of the people, and the administration of the various laws and to the robberies and plunderings of the Treasury by dishonest office-holders. Already the eyes of the people of this country are upon Congress. I may say they are upon the Republican majority in Congress, for that majority is now responsible before the country for the legislation of Congress. It can make and unmake laws in defiance and contempt of Executive vetoes. The Republican party triumphed in the last election because it was pledged to honesty and economy, to the upholding of public faith and public credit, and to the faithful execution of the laws. And those pledges cannot now be ignored without subjecting that party to the censure of the people. The condition of the country, the vast public debt, the weight of taxation, the depreciated and fluctuating currency, the enormous expenditures of public money, the mal-administration of the Government, the extortions of monopolies, press upon us attention with most crushing force. The people elected Gen. GRANT to the Presidency not only on account of the great and inestimable services he has rendered the country in subduing the rebellion; not only on account of his devotion to the great principles of the Republican Party, but because they believe him so be emphatically an honest man and an enlightened statesman, who would faithfully administer the laws without fear, favor or affection. The time has come when we are imperatively called upon to make a new departure. Added to other terrible evils brought upon the country by the war for the suppression of the rebellion is the general demoralization incident to all great wars, and to the expenditures of vast and unheard of amounts of public money; to the giving out of immense contracts by which sudden and vast fortunes were made, in the imitation of the currency, which engendered speculation, profligacy, extravagance and corruption, by the intense desire to get suddenly rich out of the Government and without labor, and the inventions and schemes generally to get money out of the Treasury for the benefit of individuals without regard to the interests of the Government. While the restless and unpassing energies of a patriotic people were pouring out their blood to the salvation of their Government, and were pouring out their blood and treasure in its defence, there was the vast army of the base, the venal and unpatriotic, who rushed in to take advantage of the misfortunes of the country and to plunder its treasury. The effect was to break up with legislation which will impose burdens on future generations. Public land enough to make empires has been voted to private railroad corporations; subsidies of untold millions of bonds, for the same purpose, have become a charge upon the people, while the fathers are not money to be found to be used for the benefit of the people whom they represent, and not for their own benefit and the benefit of the lobbyists, the gamblers, and the speculators who have come to Washington to make a raid upon the Treasury. The time has also come, in my judgment, when public men are to be held to a more strict

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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Arrival of the Steamer Rising Star—$350,675 in Specie.

The steamship *Rising Star*, which left Aspinwall Dec. 29, reached this port yesterday. She brings the specie indicated in the subjoined TREASURE LIST.

Bryans Kelly & Co.	$106,000 00	Thomas & Co.	$35,000 00
Duncan, Sherman & Co.	200,000 00	Fraser & Co.	4,000 00
Wells, Fargo & Co.	161,000 00	Do.	4,000 00
Total	$86,259 14		$350,765 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Capt. John Butler takes Henry V. Clinton, clerk of the Panama Railroad Company, Gen. Thomas Ustick Sutter, Consul at Panama, who has been quite sick for past ten days, but is now in my opinion, out of danger. Dr. Thomas Antisell is attending the Consul and Mr. Clinton.

The Intendencia of Panama has also received from the Government of Bolivar the sum of $4,000 on the Pan Ark National Bank of New-York for the purchase of 4,000 shares of the stock of the Panama Railroad Company.

The Intendencia

sideration, at least as between the maker and the Columbian Insurance Company, and that the receiver, who is in the same position as the Company, is estopped by reason of the assignment. The questien involved herein is now pending in the Court of Appeals.

Judge CARDOZO directed the jury to find a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount with interest, and gave permission to the defendant to take the case to the General Term in the first instance on the questions of law raised at the trial.

For plaintiff, Mr. D. Field; for the defendant, Messrs. Morrison, Lauterbach and Spingarn.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 6.

Before Judges Monell, Jones, and Fithian.

The National Corn Exchange Bank, appellant, vs. *George W. Holtsinger, respondent.*—This was a cause involving the validity of a power of attorney, given by a party having a claim against the United States Government, to a claim agent, to prosecute and obtain from the Government the amount of the same, and dated *prior* to the date of the warrant on the Treasury. By act of Congress of Feb. 26, 1853, it is declared that all "powers of attorney, orders, or other authorities for receiving payment of any such claim shall be null and void unless the same shall be freely made and executed *after* the allowance of such claim, the ascertainment of the amount due, and the issuing of a warrant for the payment thereof."

Richard Green, being a claim agent in Nashville, under a formal power of attorney, prosecuted a claim in behalf of George W. Holtsinger for pay as an army officer, and obtained from the Government in payment certain drafts or warrants on the United States Treasury, payable to the said Holtsinger or his order; and without calling for the second power of attorney required by the statute, but relying on the force of the original power of attorney, Green indorsed the warrants to the National Corn Exchange Bank, by whom they were collected from the United States Treasury. Holtsinger now sought action against the bank as having received money in his behalf which they have never paid over. The cause was heard before a referee, who rendered a report in favor of the plaintiff, which was confirmed by the Court, and from this judgment the defendants appeal to the General Term.

The questions discussed were whether the right of indorsement by the agent was authorized by the power of attorney. Whether, admitting that the indorsement was invalid, the plaintiff has a right of action against the defendants, inasmuch as the money might be regarded as the property of the Government and not of the plaintiff.

The Court seemed to lean toward the opinion that inasmuch as the case, as submitted, did not show evidence identifying these warrants as having been issued in payment of a claim as contemplated by the statute—it would be a question whether they could consider the relation of that statute to the case? Decision reserved.

Charles P. Crosby, for appellant; O. L. Stewart, for respondent.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 6.

Before Judge Barbour.

Lopey vs. *Babcock & Brien.*—This was a motion to vacate an order of arrest granted in an action for a debt of $500, alleged to be fraudulently contracted. The defendants obtained the money from the plaintiff on representation that they were about to use it in establishing a legitimate commission business. They failed to establish the business, and subsequently stated that they had no intention so to do. The defendants, on demand, refused to return plaintiff the money advanced, but prevailed on him to accept therefor their note of hand, failing to pay which action was brought thereon, and order of arrest issued on the ground that the debt was fraudulently contracted.

After argument, Judge BARBOUR, intimating his intention to vacate the order of arrest, stated his reasons as follows: "The representations made by the defendants were simply promises to be performed *in future*, yet the subsequent declarations of the defendants tended to show an original intent to defraud. But the defendants might be more properly regarded as holding the plaintiff's money in a fiduciary capacity, to be applied to certain uses, and having misappropriated it, the plaintiff could on those grounds obtain an order of arrest; but whatever might have been the plaintiff's rights in this respect, under either aspect of the case, he, with a full knowledge of his rights, (as he must be assumed to have had,) elected to accept the defendants' note of hand, and thereby waived all rights which he might have had growing out of the defendants' *tort*. Decision reserved.

Gemets Peet for plaintiff; De Witt Clinton Brown for defendants.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 6.

Before Judge Brady.

The People, &c., in rel. Philip Metz.—The petitioner was arrested on an affidavit charging him on information and belief with having stolen property from the arsenal of which he was armorer. His counsel sued out a writ of *habeas corpus*, and asked for the prisoner's discharge on the ground that, it appearing in the affidavit that some party existing having personal knowledge of the larceny, the affidavit of another party, merelyjon information and belief, was insufficient to warrant a commitment.

It was held by the Court that the papers showing probable cause must be deemed sufficient, and refused to discharge the prisoner. Counsel for the petitioner then filed a traverse to the return, to be argued at a future day.

Florence Leary for the petitioner; Mr. Blunt for the People, &c.

COURT NOTES.

It is contemplated to add three additional officers in the General Term, Common Pleas, held in Part 2, to hold umbrellas over the presiding Judges on the bench when it rains.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 6.

By Judge Ingraham.

Kleinknecht vs. John Runk; motion granted unless defendant appears and submits to examination on the 12th of January, at 10 A. M., and pays $10 costs of motion.

Lake vs. Spurge et al.; reference ordered.

Mary E. Fost vs. Samuel W. Fost; reference ordered.

Anna Rudolph vs. Henry Rudolph; reference ordered.

In re the Metropolitan Board of Health vs. Thaddeus H. Lane, Justice, &c.; motion granted directing the Justice to try and decide the cause.

Howell et al. vs. Cuff; motion denied with leave to renew on further affidavits.

Wynkoop vs. Murray; motion denied.

In re the petition of Mary Cochran, &c., for leave to sell real estate; order granted confirming report.

Hewson et al. vs. Donnelly; motion granted.

Wm. Hall vs. Upright; motion granted.

Flynn vs. The Ætna Live Stock Insurance Company, &c.; motion granted.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 6.

By Judge Barbour.

Louis Burger vs. John L. Green—Motion granted with $5 costs.

Jesse B. Lung vs. Peter F. Clarke—Motion granted with costs.

Edward B. Olin et al. vs. Wm. G. Clark et al.—Motion granted without costs.

Henry S. Bennett vs. Benj. F. Wardwell—Motion granted.

Isaac Griggs et al. vs. John Morrisey, President, &c.—Motion granted.

In the matter, &c., of Charles Barclay to be discharged from custody—Writ discharged and prisoner remanded.

Joseph R. Lament vs. Adele Joubert; motion to vacate judgment denied, with $10 costs.

William P. Corrie vs. F. Linde; motion granted.

Jacob Siebert vs. Simeon Leland, two cases; motions denied with $10 costs in each case.

By Judge McCunn.

Andrew L. Ireland vs. William H. Nichols; motion granted.

Maria Busch vs. Wm. Dunhaupt; motion granted reducing bail to $500.

Mary J. Tucker et al. vs. John Meeks et al.; extra allowance of $750 granted.

William Leighton vs. The Broadway and Seventh-avenue Railroad Company; "I find I cannot change the case as settled."

By Judge Fithian.

Wm. Johnson vs. Mary Johnson; report of referee confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

George Guger vs. Daniel O'Connell; motion denied with $10 costs.

Seymour N. Walsh et al. vs. Erasmus D. Hudson et al.; motion granted in part.

By Judge Jones.

David Winebreuer vs. Frederick Johnson et al.; injunction denied with $10 costs, and temporary stay vacated.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 6, 1869.

$10,000	U. S. 6s, '81, R.	109¼	
46,000	U. S. 6s, '81, C.	109¼	
2,000	U.S. 5-20 C., '64..	108	
5,000	do	108⅝	
9,000	U. S. 5-20 R., '67	107⅝	
9,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65 new	107⅛	
9,000	do	107⅛	
20,500	do	107⅜	
215,000	do	107⅜	
4,000	do	107⅛	
50,000	do	107⅜	
30,000	U.S. 5s, 10-40 C.	106½	
10,000	U. S. 6s, Our....	99⅝	
20,500	Tenn. 6s, new	66¼	
3,000	N. Car. 6s, new	62½	
5,000	do	62¼	
5,000	do	62¼	
1,000	Georgia State 6s, ex-int	78½	

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Wells-Fargo E.	b10	72¼
100	Canton Co	b3	50½
400	Pac. Mail		118⅝
300	West. U. T		84
500	N. Y. Central		156¾
400	do	c	156⅝
200	do		156⅝
200	do	b3	156¾
600	Erie		38¾
100	do	b5	38⅜
200	Reading	ex. div.	93½
100	Tol. W. & W		81
100	Mil. & St. P		69¼
100	do		69¾
100	Mil. & St. P. Pf.		88¾
100	do	c	88¾
200	Ohio & Miss		33¼
600	do		33⅜
200	do	c	33⅜

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	N. Car. 6s, new	62	
100	Wells-Fargo Ex	73	
200	Canton Co	51	
300	West. U. T	84½	
800	N. Y. Central	156¾	
900	do	b10	
300	do	b3	
200	do	156¾	
200	do	b5	
300	do	156¾	
300	do	c	
200	do	156⅝	
200	do	38¾	
200	Erie	38¾	
200	Hudson	130	
700	Reading	ex-d	
200	do	c	
200	do	c	
1200	do		
100	T., W. & W		
200	do		
200	do		
200	Erie	38¾	
200	Hudson	130	
137	Pac. R. of Mo		
125	New-Jersey Cen		
3,000	Chi. & N. W. 1st		
1,000	Chi. & Alt. 1st M		
1,000	Mich. C. 8s, N. B.		
1,000	Mar., T. & Ohio 8s		
6,000	C., C. & I.C. 1st		
5,000	do		
12	Bank of Commerce		
38	do		
10	Cent. Nat. Bank		
10	Merchants' Bank		
6	Amer. Ex. Bank		
10	Bank of N. Amer		
200	Canton Co	b3	
5	Manhattan Gas		
160	Am. Coal		
100	Mar. Pf		

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

$46,000	U. S. 6s, '81, R.	109¼	
50,000	do	b3	109¾
100	do		109¾
16,000	U. S. 6s, '81 C.	c	111¾
15,000	do		111¾
10,000	U. S. 5-20 R., '62.		107
12,500	U. S. 5-20 C. '62.		111¾
5,000	do		111¾
10,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '64.		108
12,000	do		108¾
11,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65.	c	106¾
10,000	do		108¾
10,000	5-20 C. '65, new		107⅛
16,000	U. S. 5-20 R., '65, new		107⅛
33,000	do		107⅛
10,000	do		107⅜
1,000	U. S. 5-20s R., '67		107
10,000	do		107⅜
54,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67.		107⅜
92,000	do		107⅜
215,000	do		107⅜
4,000	do		107⅜
50,000	do		107⅜
30,000	U.S. 5s, 10-40 C.		106½
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20,500	Tenn. 6s, new		66¼
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OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Wells-Fargo E.	b10	72¼
100	Canton Co	b3	50½
400	Pac. Mail		118⅝
300	West. U. T		84
500	N. Y. Central		156¾
400	do	c	156⅝
600	do		156⅝
200	do	b3	156¾
600	Erie		38¾
100	do	b5	38⅜
200	Reading	ex. div.	93½
100	Tol. W. & W		81
100	Mil. & St. P		69¼
100	do		69¾
100	Mil. & St. P. Pf.		88¾
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10	Bank of N. Amer		
200	Canton Co	b3	
5	Manhattan Gas		
160	Am. Coal		
100	Mar. Pf		

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

$10,000	Tenn. 6s, new		66¼
200	Pacific Mail		119¼
100	Mariposa Pf		20
400	N. Y. Cen		156¾
100	do		156⅝
200	do		156⅝
200	Reading	ex-d	94¼
100	Mil. & St. P		70
200	do		70¾
200	Mil. & St. P. Pf		89¾
100	do		89¾
100	do	b10	90
6'0	Fort Wayne		117⅜
100	Ohio & Miss		33⅜

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6—P.M.

The Brokers were supplied with Money today at from 7 ₱ cent. Gold Interest to 7 ₱ cent. Currency Interest. In some instances, about 1 o'clock P. M., 7 ₱ cent. Currency and a sixteenth of one ₱ cent. for the day was paid. The market is tending to a fair measure of ease at 7 ₱ cent. Currency Interest to good borrowers. The Brokers of the Gold Room carried over their balances to-day at decidedly easier rates of Interest than yesterday, and the Brokers in the Public Funds had Money volunteered to them by lenders at 7 ₱ cent. The Discount Brokers report but little business in Merchant paper. Only very choice names and short dates are current at from 8 to 10 ₱ cent. per annum. Some of the Western Banks are returning Currency to New-York, and a few others were buyers of United States Funds in this market today—the demand running up the 5-20s of 1867, which advanced to 107⅛@107⅜ ₱ cent. from 106⅞ @107¼ yesterday. This makes the rise full one ₱ cent. in two days, and the advance in other descriptions since Monday is also from ⅛ to 1 ₱ cent. There was a large business done throughout the day and nearly all at advancing prices—as well at the counters of the great dealers as on the Street and at the Exchange Boards. The market left off firm.

The sales of Gold were chiefly at 135@134⅛ ₱ cent. The Cash Gold, though abundant, was easier lent out or carried over, and the Foreign Exchanges again looked firm at 109¼@109¾ ₱ cent. for 60 days on London. But these influences failed to induce a lighter market for Cash than 135 ₱ cent., and the speculation upon the whole was dull. The Treasury paid out $626,000 for Gold Interest and received $282,000 for Customs.

In the Southern State Bonds there was a fair demand for Tennessees, North Carolinas, Missouris and Louisianas, while Virginias were neglected and the bidding price lower. The Railways were active, New-York Central and the Western Stocks attracting more than the average amount of business. The speculation today, as on yesterday, was made interesting by the frequent ups and downs, from hour to hour, in New-York Central, Rock Island, the Northwests and Michigan Southern, and the continued strong advance on Fort Wayne. Michigan Southern moved up to 90@90¼ cash, and 90¼@90⅜ on buyers' options, the cash price subsequently receding to 89¼@89 ₱ cent. Wabash also advanced 1@1¼ ₱ cent., and Ohio and Mississippi showed a firmer feeling than on Monday and Tuesday. Of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Road we learn that the parties who recently bought proxies on the Stock carried the annual election at Cleveland yesterday, and turned out all the old New-York Directors.

After the late Boards the following quotations were made, as compared with Tuesday night. Money closed at 7 ₱ cent., currency Interest. Gold steadier at 135 ₱ cent.; the Public Funds strong; the Railways somewhat feverish, but the prevailing temper of the market rather confident of higher figures.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
United States 10-40s	105⅞	106¼
United States 5-20s of 1862	111¼	111⅜
United States 5-20s of 1867	107¼	107⅜
American Gold Coin	135	135
Bills on London, 60 days	109⅛	109⅜
New Bonds of Tennessee	65¼	66¼
Virginia Bonds, old	55	53⅜
Missouri Bonds	87	88
North Carolina Bonds, old	64¼	64
New-York Central	155⅛	156⅜
Erie Railway	38	38⅞
Reading Railway	92⅜	94¼
Chicago and Rock Island	118⅛	118⅜
Northwest Common	82¼	82½
Northwest Preferred	84	84⅜
Michigan Southern	87¾	90
Pittsburg and Ft. Wayne	116⅜	117½
Cleveland and Pittsburg	84¼	84½
Pacific Mail Company	118	119⅜
St. Paul Pretered	87⅞	89⅜
St. Paul Common	68¼	70
Toledo and Wabash	60	60⅜

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States, at the close of business:

6 ₱ cent. reg., 1881	109⅝	5-20 reg. '65 n. is	106⅜
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881	111⅝	5-20 coup. '65, n. is	107⅜
5-20 reg., 1862	106⅜	5-20 reg. 1867	107⅛
5-20 coup., 1862	111⅜	5-20 coup., 1867	107⅜
5-20 reg., 1864	106⅜	5-20 coupon, 1868	107⅜
5-20 coup., 1864	106¾	10-40 reg	106¼
5-20 reg., 1865	106¾	10-40 coup	106¾
5-20 coup., 1865	106¾	6s currency	99½

And the following for the State Bonds:

N. Y. Reg. 6's Loan	107	Illinois 6s, coup. '79 aft. '62	99
N. Y. Coup. 6's Loan	107	Illinois 6s, c. '79 aft. 1865	99
N. Y. 7 ₱ c. Canal, 1870	100¾	Ill. 6s, coup. '75 aft. 1870	99
N. Y. 7 ₱ c. Canal, 1872	101	Illinois coupon 6s, 1877	99
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1873	101	Illinois coupon 6s, 1879	99
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1874	101	Illinois War Loan	99
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1876	101	Indiana 5 ₱ ct. W. Loan	93
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1877	101	Tennessee 6s, ex. c	66¼
N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, 1878	101	Tennessee 6s, new bds	66¼
N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, 1872	99	Virginia 6s, 68 c	53¾
N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, 1874	99	Virginia 6s, n. bds	57
N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, 1875	99	Georgia 6s	78
N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, 1876	99	North Carolina 6s	64
Ohio 6 ₱ c., 1878	99	North Carolina 6s, n. bds	63¾
Ill. Canal bds	86	Missouri 6s	88
Illinois Cs. B., reg. 1860	99	Louisiana 6s	66¼
Illinois 6s, coup. '70 aft. '60	99	Louisiana 6s, new bds	63¾

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	126	Bank of N. America	108
Manhattan	140	Shoe and Leather	190
Union	120	Commonwealth	106
America	144	Imp'rs. & Traders'	123
Phœnix	103	Park	145
Seventh Ward	108	Central National	105¼
Commerce	119⅜	Fourth National	101
Mechanics' B'k Ass	113⅜	Ninth National	108
Bank of the Republic	120		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	95¾	Gt. Western 2d M. '93	78
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876	110	Gal. & Chi. extended	100
Erie 1st M. ext	101¾	Gal. & Chic. 2d M	95
Erie 7s, 2d ind., 1879	98	Chi. R. I. & Pac	93
Erie 7s, 3d ind., 1883	89	Clev. & Tol. S. F	99
Erie 7s, 5th ind., 1888	96	Morris & Essex 1st M	96¾
Hud. 7s, 2d M. S. F. '85	103	Morris & Essex 2d M	92
Mich. C. S & c. 6s, '72	104¾	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 1st M	99¾
Mich. Cen. N. 1st M. 8s '72	110¾	Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch. 2d M	95
Chi. R. & Q. 8 ₱ c. 1st M	107	Cleve. & P. 2d M	92
Pacific R'ds, guar. by Mo.	91	Cleve. & P. 4th M	74
Ill. Cent. 7 ₱ c., 1870	104¾	Chi. & Alton 1st M	96¾
Alton & T. H. 1st M	89	Chi. & Alton inc	92
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf	63	Atlantic & G. W. 1st M	76
Chi. & N. W. S. Fund	95¾	Ohio & Miss. 1st M	91
Con. 7 ₱ cent. 1st M	95¾	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	8s. 103
Han. and St. Jo. L. G	105	Mil. & St. P. 1st M	7 3-10 93
Ind. & W. 1st M. ext	93	Mil. & St. P. 1st M	89
Tol. & W. 2d M	81	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M	83
Tol. & W. Equip. bds	74½	Ohio. & Mil. 1st M	96¾
Gt. Western 1st M. '88	89	Chic. & G East'n 1st M.	74

The day's business at the office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $2,156,020; total payments, $2,505,266; balance, $80,638,874. The receipts include for Customs, $282,000; for Gold Notes, $551,000.

Comparative earnings of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad for the past five years ending Dec. 31, 1868:

			Average Inc. per mile.
1864, on 820 miles	$6,114,564		$7,457
1865, on 921 miles	7,976,468	$1,861,924	8,660
1866, on 1,084 miles	9,115,463	1,198,975	9,138
1867, on 1,154 miles	11,670,936	2,405,473	10,113
1868, on 1,154 miles	13,428,602	1,857,666	11,637

Messrs. WM. P. WRIGHT & Co., in their Cotton Circular for the *Russia*, remark as follows:

In this City, during the past week, we have had an active inquiry from all classes of operators. The advance in prices up to last evening was fully 1¾c. ₱ lb., with occasional sales at even a greater advance. To-day the demand has continued, and prices are ¼c. to ⅝c. ₱ lb. better, closing at the annexed quotations. The sales for the week have been 31,621 bales, of which 7,852 have been taken for export, 5,941 for home use, 10,461 on speculation, and 7,367 in transit. Holders are firm, asking higher prices, with a very small stock on offer. Cotton to arrive has also been freely bought. The clearances have been, for Liverpool, 3,628; Glasgow, 66; Bremen, 1,867; Hamburg, 974—Total for the week, 6,005. The uncleared engagements are, for Liverpool, 8,500; Havre, 1,900; Bremen, 2,900; Hamburg, 1,300; Rotterdam, 1,000. Freights to Liverpool, steam, ⅝d.@ 7-16d.; sail, ⅛d.@5-16d.; Havre, steam, 1¼c.; sail, ⅝c.; Bremen, steam, 1c.; sail, ⅝c. and ⅛c.; Hamburg, steam, ⅝d.; sail, ⅛d.

The business for future delivery has been light during the past week, not from inclination to buy, but from disinclination to sell. Large orders are here chiefly on Southern account, but sellers have become alarmed and refuse to go on; indeed, the recent sellers have completely changed their base of operations, and within the past week have become buyers. As an instance of the excitement in delivery cotton; we were yesterday authorized to sell 100 bales Low Middling at 26c. for February, and at least a dozen buyers were ready to close it. To-day the demand has been limited to sellers; the highest price yet reached, and it was afterward refused for a larger quantity. Settlements were made at the close of last month by payment in cash of 3c. ₱ lb. The sales for the week have amounted to 1,850 bales, as follows: Low Middling, January and February, 23.6x111x28.6x116 7,100

Broadway, n. e. s., 100 ft. n. e. of South 5th-st., 23.6x111x28.6x116 7,100

Broadway, s. w. s., 66 No. 335, Sarah Wyckoff's property, 21.11x66 1,225

Clinton-st., w. s., 88.2 ft. n. of Carroll-st., 16.6x65 11,000

Coles-st., s. s., 140 ft. e. of Columbia-st., 25x88.10x 45x— 1,000

Degraw-st., s. s., 162.6 ft. e. of Van Brunt-st., 19.6 x100 4,650

Elm-st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of Evergreen-av., 25x127.6 850

Gold-st., w. s., 78 ft. s. of Prospect-st., —x50x19.6 x50 4,500

Hamilton-st., s. s., 350 ft. n. of Myrtle-av., 18.9x 100, R. and I 6,000

Hamilton-st., s. s., 368.9 ft. n. of Myrtle-av., 18.9x 100, h. and l 6,000

High-st., b. s., 90 ft. w. of Bridge-st., 25x100 6,000

Hickory-st., n. s., 239.5 ft. w. of Bedford-av., 15.10 x100 6,000

Jefferson-st., s. s., 200 ft. w. of Reid-av., 166.3x80.9 x100 1,500

Laiqueer-st., s. s., 181.6 ft. e. of Henry-st., 26x103 625

Macon-st., n. s., 300 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 100x100, O. A. G 100

Marshall-st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of Morrell-st., 25x100 3,000

McKibben-st., s. s., 275 ft. w. of Leonard-st., 25x 100 3,500

Monroe-st., s. s., 205 ft. w. of Nostrand-av., 20x51.6 20.1x49.6 2,200

Morton-st., n. w. s., 115 ft. e. of Wythe-av., 100x 100 8,000

Myrtle-st., n. s., 270 ft. w. of Cypress-av., 25x100 250

Myrtle-st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of Cypress-av., 25x100 250

Pacific-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Vanderbilt-av., 20x100 5,000

Penn-st., s. s., 9? ft. w. of Bedford-av., 200x200 500

Penn-st., s. s., 121.8 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 40.4x100 2,000

Rutledge-st., n. s., 41 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 20.2x100 2,000

Pleasant-place, w. s., 98.7 ft. n. of Atlantic-av., 60x97 2,000

Rutledge-st., s. s., 262.5 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 207.6 x100 10,000

Sackett-st., n. s., 80 ft. e. of Smith-st., 77x22x77x— 6,000

Smith-st., e. s., 75 ft. n. of Remsen-st., 25x75 5,000

William-st., n. s., 83.4 ft. w. of Richards-st., two-story brick, 16.8x100 2,800

Same property, deed 1867 2,800

4th-st., s. s., 62.6 ft. s. of South 1st-st., 18.9x106 5,000

12th-st., s. s., 181.2 ft. e. of 4th-av., 16.8x100 3,400

40th-st., s. s., 308 ft. e. of 8th-av., 50x100 900

41st-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x100.2 260

Baltic-av., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Wyckoff-av., 20x100 2,400

Brooklyn and Jamaica road, s. s., lots No. 9 and 10, blocks Nos. 1 and 8, lot No. 7, block No. 5, (9th Ward) 3,000

Bushwick-av., w. s., 75 ft. n. of Cook-st., 100x100x 25— 1,200

Foster-avenue, n. s., 100 ft. e. of 2d-av., 100x100.— 970

Fulton and New-York avs., s. w. corner, 200x200 16,250

Marcy-av. and Rutledge-st., n. e. corner, 100x 101.6 5,000

Penn-st., s. s., 121.8 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 40.4x100 2,000

Myrtle-av. and Houston-st., s. e. corner, 29.6x90.— 6,200

Nostrand-av., e. s., 14.6 ft. s. of Monroe-st., 21.6x 21.6x—x18.3x7.8x14.6 2,000

Nostrand-av., w. s., 29 ft. s. of Monroe-st., 5x 15x— 2,000

Nostrand-av., 209 ft. w. of, and Macon-st., 100 ft. n. of, rear lot 250

Rockaway-av., w. s., lots Nos. 68 and 69, G. S. Thatford's property 400

Sigel-av., w. s., 225 ft. n. of Division-av., 25x103 500

4th-av. and 18th-st., northerly corner, 60.2x80 30,000

4th-av., w. s., 60 ft. s. of 18th-st., 20x80 6,000

Lots Nos. 201 and 204, S. J. Stewart's map of Bellepiane, New Lots 400

Leases Recorded.

Bicks and Congress sts., n. w. cor., 3 years, per year $1,300

Nobleet., n. s., 70 ft. w. of Franklin-st., 5 years, per year 125

Park and Carlton avs., n. w. cor., 5 years, per year 900

QUEENS COUNTY.

Flushing.

Broadway and Union-st., s. e. cor., 75x112.7x75.7x 50x150 ..... $3,300

Franklin-place, e. s., 362 ft. w. of Long-lane, 100x 150 6,500

Flushing Meadows.

Lawrence's Meadows, adj. Gilbert's, 6 acres $507

Hempstead.

Watts' mill to Foster's Meadows road, adj. Hawkridge's, 2½ acres $1,650

Long Island City.

West-av., s. s., 50 ft. w. of East 5th-st., lot No. 27, block No. 8 ..... $800

Woodhaven.

Hopkinton-av. and Broadway, s. w. corner, 4 lots, 100x100 ..... $600

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Eastchester.

Lake-av., n. w. s., lot, 100x150 ..... $500

Greenburg.

White Plains to Tarrytown road, half acre $400

Harrison.

Locust-av., w. s., lot No. 3, Northwood, 16 40-100 acres $13,000

Locust-av., w. s., lot No. 3, Northwood, about 14 acres 4,200

Morrisania.

Mary-st., n. s., lots Nos. 644, 645, Melrose South, 100x100 ..... $3,200

Washington-av., e. s., 300 ft. n. of Schuyler-st., 50 x100 3,300

134th-st., s. s., 140 ft. e. of Lincoln-av., 50x100 2,500

137th-st., s. s., 106 ft. w. of Willis-av., 100x200 2,150

West Farms.

4th-av., n. w. s., lot No. 9, map of Claremont $2,712

White Plains.

West-st., w. s., portion of J. Brodie's farm, 13 55-100 acres $4,065

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Academy-st., s. s., adjoining J. Mentz's, 80x286 ..... $5,200

Berlin-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of Lisle-st., 25x100 300

Berlin-st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of Lisle-st., 50x100 310

Broad-st., e. s., adjoining G. D. Small's, 44 front. 12,250

Charlton-st., 100 ft. s. of Marshall-st., 25x100 ... 1,650

Ditch to Dead Creek, plot, 20 acres 14,000

Ferguson-st., e. s., 375 ft. s. of Market-st., 20x100 1,450

Kinney-st., n. s., 156 ft. from Washington-st., 24x 100 1,200

Newark-st., s. s., 340 ft. s. of Sussex-av., 67x107 ... 500

Norfolk-st., w. s., 704 ft. s. of Bank-st., 20x100 550

Norfolk-st., w. s., 729 ft. s. of Bank-st., 25x100 550

Orange-st., G. Booth's property, 25x61 800

Orange-st., G. Booth's property, 25x56 700

Plank and Elm sts., s. w. corner, 24x100 1,000

Scriba-st., s. s., adjoining C. Brittain's, 22x37 ... 1,550

Tichernor-st., s. s., 89 ft. w. of New-Jersey Railroad-av., 37 ft. front 5,500

Bloomfield.

Washington-st., n. s., adjoining Dunscomb's, 5½ acres $7,000

Wilson's-place, 135 ft. from Washington-st., 218x240 3,400

C.Y. Baldwin's property, Third River, 40 acres. 16,500

Bayonne.

Coes-av., w. s., 100 ft. n. of German-st., 25x100 ..... $300

East Orange.

Springfield-av., n. s., adjoining J. J. Lyons', 160x 100 ..... $400

Montclair.

Speertown road, adjoining J. Creyman's, about 6 acres $985

Valley road, e. s., adjoining N. Andrews', 4 17-100 acres 1,000

Valley road, 2 lots, 1¾ and 3½ acres 5,297

Jersey City.

Mercer-st., s. s., lots Nos. 11 and 12, block No. 42, Van Vorst's, 50x100 ..... $7,400

Weehawken.

Lots Nos. 106, 108, 110, Weehawken Heights, 75x100 $2,000

Hudson City.

Scott-st., lot No. 6, block No. 4, Hespe & Weber's map, 25x100 ..... $500

Lincoln-av., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Union-place, 25x109.. 650

Bergen.

Hal aday and Maple sts., n. e. cor.,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The war news from Paraguay is unimportant. The United States Minister to Paraguay, Mr. McMAHON, had an interview recently with Gen. LOPEZ, who promised full reparation for the outrages committed against the American flag.

Formidable Republican demonstrations have recently taken place in various cities in Spain. In one, the insurgents endeavored to seize the arms and ammunition in the arsenals, but were prevented. A Government force was sent to the scene, and the arms were removed to Cadiz. The siege of Madrid has been raised by a proclamation. Gen. PRIM announces that the volunteers are not to be disarmed.

More disturbances are reported in Italy, on account of the collection of taxes. Gen. CARDONA has been sent to Parma, to restore order in that city.

The British ship *Southern Empire*, Capt. DUNLAP, is reported to have been lost at sea on the 30th of December. She foundered in a heavy gale and all her crew was lost. She was *en route* from New-Orleans to Liverpool with a cargo of cotton.

CHINA.

Intelligence from China, received in this City yesterday, is to the effect that three British war vessels recently reached Nankin, and the British Consul forthwith demanded of the Chinese officials reparation for the insult offered the missionaries at Yang Chow recently. The officials endeavored to procrastinate, when they were informed that unless they returned a satisfactory answer by 5 o'clock of that day the Consul would seize a Chinese war vessel then lying at anchor at Nankin. The demands were at once complied with. Three hundred men were to be sent at once to Yang Chow to degrade and punish the Chinese officers who permitted the insult. The first Protestant Church in Central China was dedicated in Hankow, by the Bishop of Victoria, on the 7th of November.

CONGRESS.

Several communications from the heads of departments were presented to the Senate yesterday, and referred to Committees. A number of petitions and resolutions of inquiry were also referred to Committees. The bill providing for an air-line railroad from Washington to New-York was taken up. Mr. SHERMAN made a lengthy argument in its favor, after which its further consideration was postponed until Monday. The bill for the relief of SUE MURPHY, of Alabama, for property taken by our army during the war was taken up, and a lengthy debate ensued. Without taking action on the bill the Senate adjourned.

In the House, after a brief discussion, the bill relieving JOHN S. STOKES, of Alabama, of his legal and political disabilities was passed. A resolution was agreed to asking the Secretary of the Treasury to report why the offices of Superintendents of Exports and Drawbacks in New-York, Boston and Philadelphia, had not been discontinued, as required by law. At the request of the Chairman of the Select Committee, now investigating the recent election frauds in New-York, it was ordered that the testimony taken be printed as soon as written out. The Committee on Appropriations reported the bill making appropriations for the navy for the year ending June 30, 1870. It appropriates $15,273,672, or $2,091,578 less than the amount required for the current year. The House went into Committee of the Whole and took up the Pension Appropriation bill, which appropriates $13,250,000. Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, made a lengthy speech, reviewing the financial condition of the country and indicating some places where retrenchment might be made. The bill was reported to the House and passed. The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was taken up. Mr. BROOKS moved to insert an appropriation for the support of a mission at Rome. After some debate the amendment was rejected. After the rejection of other amendments offered the bill was reported to the House, and its further consideration postponed until Monday. The Secretary of the Treasury was directed to furnish a statement of the sales of gold by the Treasury since Jan. 1, 1863, after which the House adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate a large number of bills and petitions were presented and referred. On motion of Senator BEACH, his resolution directing the Railroad Committee to investigate the circumstances connected with the issue of stock by the Hudson River and Central Railroads, and to report what action is necessary to protect *bona fide* stockholders, was taken from the table and passed, the Committee being instructed to report within thirty days. The Senate then adjourned.

The Speaker of the House presented the reports of the various Boards of the Metropolitan District. A resolution asking for a committee of five to investigate the recent issue of Hudson River and Central Railroad stock, gave rise to some debate and was tabled. Mr. NACHTMAN introduced a bill to amend the Excise law, vesting in the Mayors of New-York and Brooklyn the power to grant licenses to retail liquor dealers. A number of petitions and resolutions were presented and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

According to reports from Cardenas the insurrection in Cuba is dying out. The sugar crop promises well, but a sufficient number of hands cannot be obtained to gather it. The negroes of Havana yesterday celebrated "King's Day" with customary festivities. Two murders were committed during the day by negroes. An officer of the Spanish army killed Señor TIRSO VASQUEZ, a Cuban, in the streets of Havana yesterday. They were engaged in a quarrel, when the officer ran his sword through the body of his adversary. The murderer was promptly arrested.

The Joint Republican caucus of the Pennsylvania Legislature yesterday nominated JOHN SCOTT, of Huntingdon, for United States Senator. The Legislature has adjourned to Tuesday next. JAMES A. BAYARD, it is said, will be elected Senator from Delaware for the remainder of the term of the late Senator RIDDLE. He is now serving in that position by appointment. His son, THOMAS F. BAYARD, is at present the favorite candidate for the full term, the election for which will take place on Tuesday next. Lieut.-Gov. CUMBACK, of Indiana, it is reported, will be chosen United States Senator from that State. Hon. Z. CHANDLER, of Michigan, has been renominated for United States Senator from that State by the Republican Legislative caucus.

The message of the Governor of Kentucky, sent to the Legislature on Friday, is a paper devoted almost exclusively to State purposes. It virtually eschews national politics, and suggests views and plans for the purpose of developing the resources of the State, especially its mineral wealth, and inviting to its borders an industrious and working population. He simply alludes to President GRANT by the assurance of a cordial support in all his efforts to restore and unite the Government under the Constitution, and thus produce a lasting and harmonious peace.

The meeting of the owners of the through line from Washington to New-York, held in Baltimore on Monday and Tuesday, it is stated was for the purpose of completing and perfecting arrangements in reference to new equipment for the present line, its improvement and the thorough accommodation of the travel; and not for consultation with reference to Senator SHERMAN'S Air-line bill, now before Congress.

The writ in the suit of Mr. RICHARD H. DANA, Jr., *vs.* the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Cambridge, Mass., for depriving him of the use of his right to vote in the last national election, was entered in the Superior Court at Boston on Tuesday, and his declaration was filed. The trial will probably take place at the April Term.

The caucus for the nomination of a United States Senator from Minnesota is to be held at St. Paul on the 14th inst. Mr. WILKINSON'S friends are hopeful, but Mr. RAMSEY'S supporters deem his reelection certain.

A white man named WILLIAM O. MARKHAM, living at Colesville, N. Y., concealed himself in his own house yesterday and deliberately shot and killed a negro named ENOCK who was passing in the street. No reason for the murder is given.

A fire in Indianapolis, Ind., on Tuesday night, destroyed the stores of A. C. BRACKENBUSH & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, and ANDERSON & BROS., grocers. The loss will amount to about $10,000; partially insured.

A summary of all the evidence given at the United States Court, before Commissioner OWENS, charging DAVID LEICHTENHEIM, a former Internal Revenue Inspector, with receiving 30,000 valuable cigars and a check for $100 to settle a complaint made against OSCAR HOYM, appears in the TIMES this morning. The case has been adjourned until Saturday next.

Last evening Prof. E. N. HORSFORD delivered the seventh lecture of a scientific course at Steinway Hall, Fourteenth-street, before the American Institute. The subject was "The Philosophy of the Oven." The discourse was interesting and instructive, and was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

Business in Produce and Merchandise was less active yesterday. Cotton was cheaper. Other than low grades of Flour were heavy and drooping; Wheat, Corn and Oats less buoyant; Pork and Lard again stronger in price. The freight market was quiet, with 428 vessels, of all classes, in port.

Freedom and Responsibility of the Public Press—The Pollard Murder.

We published a day or two since a detailed statement by Mr. J. M. HANNA, who was associated with Mr. H. RIVES POLLARD in the editorship of the Richmond *Public Opinion*, of the circumstances which led to the murder of the latter by young GRANT. This statement does not in the least change the character of the murder, or modify what must be the judgment of any sensible man in regard to it; but it does very considerably enhance our sense of the criminal nature of the act by which Mr. POLLARD provoked his own assassination.

It has been claimed in some quarters that Mr. POLLARD was shot for asserting the freedom of the Press, and that this freedom is threatened with destruction by such acts, if they are allowed to pass unpunished. So they are,—and so is every other kind of freedom,—and indeed everything else worth preserving in society. When one man may, for whatever cause or under whatever provocation, deliberately kill another, without being held responsible to the law, and suffering such penalty as the law fairly administered would inflict, there is an end of everything like regulated, civilized society. The community in which such a thing is possible is controlled by the passions of its people, not by their reason embodied in settled law; and this is what constitutes a *savage* state. And it is idle and absurd to talk of the freedom of the *Press* in any such connection. One might as well complain that the freedom of the Press is threatened or impaired in the Cannibal Islands or by the habits of the Digger Indians. Where the law secures nothing,—neither property nor life,—it can scarcely be expected to secure freedom of the Press.

It seems that Mr. POLLARD heard at the hotel a report that a young lady belonging to a respectable family of Richmond had eloped, and requested Mr. HANNA to find out all he could about it, and embody the whole in a sharp and spicy article. To the intimation that the names of the parties ought to be suppressed, he replied "No, *my* name is not suppressed by the newspapers when *I* get into trouble; put the names in, in full. I am responsible." The report of the alleged elopement became generally current, and, of course, was constantly exaggerated. A friend of the family called on Mr. POLLARD, and, learning from him what he intended to publish about it, tried to induce him to forego his purpose, assuring him the report was untrue, giving him a statement of the facts out of which the report had grown, and offering to make any compensation which Mr. POLLARD might require for the suppression of the publication,—proposing finally to fill the space, which the article would occupy, with an advertisement and pay for it. Of a subsequent interview, Mr. HANNA says:

"Late on Thursday evening there was another interview between the gentleman representing the GRANT family and Mr. POLLARD, in the presence of the writer. The conversation again, as before, hinged on the possibility of suppressing the publication. The intermediator at last, rising with impatience, said with emphasis, 'Mr. POLLARD, is there no way by which this can be prevented? I am a friend of the family, am acting as such, and *do assure you, upon the honor of a gentleman, that the reports concerning its members are false—utterly false.*" Mr. POLLARD, rising, walked the floor of his *sanctum*, then resumed his seat and replied: 'As for any pecuniary considerations that may be offered me, *that is purely a matter of business. I publish my paper to sell. If Mr. Grant, or you, as his representative, wish to purchase this edition of my paper, I will sell it to you*; or I will sell a half interest in my paper, or I will sell it entire; for I have wished for some time to form another newspaper association in New-York City. But as for selling *my principle, that I will never do; there is not money enough to buy me.*' The gentleman remained silent, and Mr. POLLARD resumed: 'Or, if I publish this article, this I am willing to do; I will open my columns to Mr. GRANT, and I will print line for line and word for word whatever he may write in contradiction of the article."

Subsequently the article itself was shown to the gentleman in question, who said "it was not so bad as he expected," but that there was nevertheless "not one word of truth in the whole of it." Mr. POLLARD, in reply, referred to the reports that were current about it, and said he "felt justified in publishing the article." He did so, with the result known.

It is to be noted that—

1. This was purely a private matter, which involved no public interest whatever, no question of public policy, no matter of public concern—it involved only the peace of a private family, and the reputation of a young lady who was a member of it.

2. The article was not one of opinion, but embodied mere reports and rumors for which nobody was responsible, till Mr. POLLARD made himself responsible, by indorsing and asserting them as facts, which he did in face of the solemn assurance of a gentleman, who knew all about the matter, that they were not facts, but falsehoods.

3. Mr. POLLARD asserted his intention to print the article, as a matter "of principle." The only "principle" involved was the right to print any attack on private character,—of man or woman,—true or false, which he might *choose* to print. After it was printed the party aggrieved might buy the whole edition of his paper and so suppress the slander, if he chose, as Mr. POLLARD "printed his paper to sell." Under the same "principle" Mr. P. could of course reprint the article in every successive issue of his paper and compel his victim to buy the whole edition of every number, as his only condition of safety. If this is not plain, barefaced "black-mail," then we know not what would be; and how it differs in "principle" from highway robbery, where one holds a pistol to another's head and demands his money as the price of his life, we fail to see.

All this does not make GRANT'S offence in shooting POLLARD anything less than murder; and the manner in which he did it proves him to be, not merely a murderer, but a cowardly assassin. But POLLARD'S conduct was exceedingly base; and we object to any attempt to justify or extenuate it, under pretended regard for the freedom of the Press.

The Press needs freedom for the just and useful discussion of public questions,—of events, and of the public character of public men and of their private character so far as that may affect their public acts. And this freedom is secured to the Press by the law, by juries and by public opinion. But the Press does not need, nor ask, for freedom to attack *private character*, or to put in print and publish to the world, the scandals and rumors that float in certain circles of society. The journalist who claims such freedom as a means of "selling his paper," confesses himself by that very claim to be reckless of honor and of principle,—a mere depredator on society, who lives on what he can extort from the fears or the pride of those whom he may select for his victims. And the journalist who demands such a freedom for the Press at large, under the belief that it is essential to its usefulness within its proper sphere, mistakes greatly the duties and responsibilities of his own profession, while he degrades its character and makes it a scourge and a curse to the community where it exists.

The Press in this country has all the freedom which its own good requires, or which is consistent with the order and peace of society. The law of libel is not marked by undue severity, nor is it administered with unjust rigor, as a general thing, so far as we are aware, in any State of the Union. Editors, even those who are most careful and conscientious in the supervision of their issues, will sometimes be put to inconvenience by libel suits or indictments; but this is an evil which they can very well endure in view of the fact that it involves results far less serious than would follow any such relaxation of the law as editors of Mr. POLLARD'S stamp practically claim.

The Darien Canal.

The attention of the world has once more been drawn by Mr. CUSHING'S mission to that narrow neck of land which joins North and South America, and which one never sees on the map without feeling it is there to be cut through. To aid the guillotining of that tempting neck, in the interests of American commerce, is the object of Mr. CUSHING'S journey. That the result of his negotiations with the Government of New-Granada will be the concession to the United States of a right of way to build an interoceanic canal, can be confidently anticipated. As to the rest, it may be laid down as a safe proposition that, great as are the difficulties in constructing a canal across the Isthmus, there are none to which the existing devices of modern engineering are not fully adequate.

To this stupendous engineering feat, compared with which even the Suez Canal dwindles in magnitude, none of the petty States contiguous to the Isthmus ever dreamt, of course, of addressing themselves. More than one commercial European Power has, however, carefully watched and weighed it. Everybody will recall the uneasiness with which in our country the surveys and experiments of English engineers, many years ago, were observed; and still fresher in memory is the outcry of indignation wherewith the French occupation of Mexico was instinctively connected by our people with this same grand problem. Often postponed,—now by more pressing schemes of internal policy, now by political difficulties, anon by the war, and always by the prodigious character of the undertaking, this magnificent enterprise has yet never been lost sight of by Americans. What it means is no less than the grand highway of commerce between Asia and the rest of the world, and as such it was felt that it must be built by American capital, under American auspices, and established forever under American control. The proper time for the task has now apparently come, and the sudden and vast increase of trans-Pacific trade demands that it be pushed forward without delay.

In another column a correspondent sets forth what has already been done and what remains to do to open this grand conduit of commerce. He shows that the various and shifting lines proposed in former years have now been reduced to two routes, either of which is, by the testimony of able engineers, perfectly feasible. One of these routes runs from the Gulf of San Miguel to Caledonia Bay, the other from the Bayano River to the Gulf of San Blas. The latter, whose total length is thirty miles, embraces the audacious feature of a tunnel through the Cordilleras (to which that under Mont Cenis is trivial) seven miles long, 100 feet wide and 115 feet high, through which, of course, the largest man-of-war could be made to pass. A tidal lock and an aqueduct over the Mamoni River are also embraced in the plan. The rude estimate of the total cost of construction is $65,000,000.

It is to secure the privilege of further surveys, and a final right of way, that Mr. CUSHING is now dispatched by the Department of State to New-Granada. Should his mission be satisfactory, a strong company of New-York capitalists and engineers stands ready to begin the grand enterprise of an interoceanic ship canal—an enterprise which, if brought to a successful issue, will stand unmatched even in modern engineering science.

The Twelfth-street Murder.

We are surprised that the Police authorities, having thus far failed in getting hold of the murderers of Mr. ROGERS, should not have procured the offer of a much larger reward for their arrest. When Mayor HALL sent to them for information on the subject, they replied that no action on his part was necessary, as they had offered a reward of $1,000.

We have no doubt that the offer of a very large reward would go a great way toward a revelation of the facts of this horrible mystery. The man guilty of the actual deed of murder is still at large, and his accomplice is still at large; and nothing has been found out about either of them—unless indeed the individual who surrendered himself because he thought he was an object of suspicion, shall be able to furnish some clue which will lead to the authors of the crime.

We have no doubt that *at least half a dozen persons in the City—the associates, relatives and friends of the assassins—are aware of the facts*, and could put the Police in possession of information that would lead to the discovery of the perpetrators of this, one of the most alarming of all the recent murders that have shocked the City.

We have no doubt that a reward of *ten thousand* or of *twenty thousand dollars* would be sure to induce some one of those who are very certainly cognizant of the perpetrators of the crime to communicate the facts, or put the Police on the scent of the culprits.

We urge those concerned to make an offer of this kind. And the whole community is concerned. No life can be considered safe if assassins are allowed to carry on their work in this City as they have done during the past year; and especially if the cold-blooded assassins of a respectable citizen, in open daylight, in a leading street in the heart of the City, are allowed to escape with impunity.

We, therefore, urge the public, and especially the more wealthy members of the community, to take the matter in hand. If the Police authorities and the Municipal authorities, fail to do their duty,—if the murderers of Mr. ROGERS are not by this time in the hands of the Police,—a dozen or twenty of our leading citizens should unite in the offer of a reward of *twenty thousand dollars* for their arrest. Some such step should be taken in behalf of the community, and in the interest of each of its members.

And when caught, let the murderers be promptly tried, speedily convicted, and quickly hung.

It is disgraceful to witness the imbecility of those who ought to be on the alert, night and day, to secure the arrest of these murderers. We suppose it is hoped that the excitement about it will soon blow over, and the whole affair will soon be forgotten. There is too much likelihood of this. There is too much danger of it. But who will then be the next victim of the assassin? Who can tell?

Clerk of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education is to elect its Clerk for the coming year next Wednesday evening. As we have already stated, there are two candidates for the place, Mr. BOESE, who has served in that capacity since 1858, with ability, fairness and unquestioned uprightness, and Mr. HITCHMAN, who is brought forward by a portion of the representatives of the Democratic Party.

The *World* does not hesitate to allege that Mr. HITCHMAN is the candidate of the "Ring," and that the effort to elect him in place of Mr. BOESE is simply an attempt to eject an officer who has been too honest and firm to be made their tool, and to put in his place one who will do, or suffer anything to be done, which the corrupt combination in question may demand at his hands. As both the candidates are Democrats, we regard the *World* as good authority on the subject of their rival claims. We presume its explanation of the objects of the movement to put Mr. HITCHMAN in Mr. BOESE'S place is correct; and that journal is certainly entitled to great credit and to the public gratitude for the vigor and earnestness with which it resists the scheme.

Those who have watched the course of events are aware that it has been a favorite project of the "Ring," for some time past, to get as absolute control of the Board of Education, and of its very large disbursements, as they have of those in every other department of the City Government. This object has been openly proclaimed more than once by representatives and agents of the "Ring;" —and it is but a few months since that a direct attempt was made to introduce into the schools the same system which is so rigidly acted upon elsewhere, of levying upon the *teachers* for a percentage on their salaries for the benefit of those who have the power to deprive them of their positions. The attempt was only partially successful; but until that principle is recognized, and every one holding an appointment under members of the Board responds to calls of this sort, and concedes the duty of paying for his place, the effort to get control of the Board will not be abandoned.

Mr. BOESE has been vigorous, firm and uncompromising in his hostility to everything of this kind; and in this way he has incurred the opposition of those who are at the bottom of the movement. We trust the Board has too just an estimate of his services, and of the real interests of the school system in our City, to warrant any serious apprehensions that the scheme will succeed. The Board must be kept out of party complications of all kinds, and must not become either the tool or the agent of the corrupt combinations which afflict all political parties, if our system of schools is to be kept up.

Mr. Gladstone at Greenwich.

Mr. GLADSTONE, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and member of Parliament for Greenwich, addressed his constituents on the occasion of his reelection, after acceptance of office. The weather, we are told, was gloomy, but waving of hats, cheering, and musical performances, together with the natural delight which he must have experienced at finding once more a rest for the sole of his foot, after all his representative wanderings to and fro, seem to have had a most exhilarating effect on the orator. In a speech of nearly an hour's duration, terminating with a sentence composed of no less than two hundred and sixty words, and interspersed in the newspaper reports with "loud cheers," "loud laughter," and "laughter and cheers" every half dozen lines, Mr. GLADSTONE thanked his new constituents for the "unprecedented kindness" which he had received at their hands, and gave utterance to a jubilant shout of triumph over his vanquished foes. For the first time since his expulsion from power three years ago, Mr. GLADSTONE was actually good-humored and even facetious. Instead of holding Mr. DISRAELI up to public execration and scorn as a hypocrite, traitor, and unscrupulous adventurer, he simply made mild fun of the precipitate retreat of his opponent as soon as the general result of the elections became known. The Tory Ministry "melted away, in the words of our greatest poet, 'like a mockery thing of snow.'" If found unfaithful to his trust, he only hoped he should be as summarily dismissed from the public service as "somebody else" had recently been. "Somebody else" will probably have "something else" to say on the subject when Parliament reassembles; but, in the meantime, Mr. GLADSTONE has an unquestionable right to "chaff" his vanquished adversaries to his heart's content, in whatever style he chooses. It is not that which he would have adopted in addressing an assemblage of Oxford "double-firsts," or of Lancashire merchant princes, but he evidently feels the different character of the electoral atmosphere which now surrounds him.

For the rest, Mr. GLADSTONE naturally adopted a somewhat graver tone when treating of the momentous issues before the country, for the raising of which he himself is mainly responsible, and which in a few weeks he will be called upon to face in the capacity of chief Minister of the Crown. On these matters, even, his tone was scarcely that which would pass current within the walls of St. Stephen's as "Parliamentary," but it was certainly free from that intense bitterness which characterized his stump speeches throughout his electioneering campaign in Lancashire. He criticized the administration of the Tories in every department pretty severely, it is true, but he would have been false to his colors if he had not. He reprobated the increased expenditure which the country had been called upon to defray during the Derby-Disraeli tenure of office, but he abstained from the disingenuous misrepresentations in which he dealt so freely during the heat of the electoral contest, and he further pledged himself, for the first time, that the estimates which it would be the duty of himself and his colleagues to present in February, should give evidence of their good faith and earnestness in laboring to effect retrenchment in every department.

With regard to the great question of the day, Mr. GLADSTONE said but little worthy of repetition. The main point he made was on the difference existing between the cases of the English and Irish branches of the Established Church, it being idle, he said, to weigh the two in the same scale—an assurance on his part which will probably go a good way to do away with the scruples of a large number of devoted Anglicans who shrink from heartily espousing the cause of justice to Ireland, through fear of the ultimate intentions of its champion. Altogether, this speech of the Liberal leader will probably advance his prospects materially—which can scarcely be said of the majority of his recent public oratorical manifestoes.

MINOR TOPICS.

During the past ten days failures to the extent of about four millions of dollars have occurred in this City, among jobbing and commission houses in the dry goods trade. Business in this line has been very dull for nearly two years; it has not paid. The recent failure of one of the largest dry goods houses was due to heavy losses through customers in the Northwestern States. There are apprehensions that a few other houses may be forced to succumb, but the leading dealers hope by rigid retrenchment to overcome present difficulties. No alarm is necessary, as we are informed on excellent authority.

The speech of Mr. WASHBURNE, yesterday, in the House, on the appropriations to be made by Congress, and the expenditures of the Government for the coming year, will be found among the proceedings of Congress this morning. It is well worthy of reading and thought.

Senator MORTON has written a second letter to Mr. GREELEY on the subject of resuming specie payments. It is brief, and contests but one or two of the positions of Mr. GREELEY. The subject is getting to be a little stale with general readers, for everybody feels bound to write upon it, and so the Press is overburdened with it. Senator MORTON'S letter will be found in another column.

A Washington dispatch says:

"Supervisor DUTCHER has suspended Collector CALLAHAN, of the Ninth District of New-York, for corruption. The office has been put in charge of HENRY WOOD, brother of FERNANDO WOOD, Congressman from that District. *Callahan and Wood are both Democrats.*"

We should think so! FERNANDO WOOD procured CALLAHAN'S appointment, in return for which CALLAHAN made WOOD'S brother Deputy Collector, *dividing* with him the fees of the office. CALLAHAN probably knew as little about the duties of his office, and was as thoroughly incapable of performing them honestly, as any other man in the District, and this is saying a good deal. His evidence before the Retrenchment Committee, which we published lately, shows his calibre and character. But he knew how to secure Congressman WOOD'S influence, and divide the fees with his brother. Possibly the two amounted to about the same thing. Now that the Deputy gets *all* the fees, perhaps the Congressman will concede that CALLAHAN deserved removal.

Wall-street seemed very much relieved toward the close of business hours yesterday by a notable relaxation in the Money line. Stocks were more confidently dealt in at stronger prices. In the Public Funds an unusually spirited movement occurred, leading to a sharp rally in values. Most of the great houses were free buyers, particularly of the later issues of the Five-Twenty bonds, the offerings of which perceptibly diminished. The mail orders from investors were quite extensive. The general market closed with an an upward tendency for all substantial properties. Gold and Exchange were firm but quiet.

Mr. KELLEY'S bill, reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs, providing that the position of Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering may hereafter be filled by a civilian, is a very excellent one, and we hope Congress will make it a law. Had this liberty of choice existed at the creation of the office, and had advantage been taken of it, we might have been some millions of dollars richer in the Treasury, and enormously more efficient in our navy.

Congressmen are just now quite busy at the confessional—acknowledging how sinfully they have abused the franking privilege. Most of them have the grace to seem repentant and promise they will do so no more. Some, however, like Mr. LYNCH, of Maine, say it has been "usual" to frank political documents, speeches, newspapers, &c., and they intend to continue the practice. If we could at all count on the sense of justice in Congress, we should predict the speedy abolition of the whole thing. But as we can't, we don't.

We publish in another column a letter from President EWELL, of the "College of William and Mary," in Virginia, setting forth the condition of the institution and the grounds of the appeal made by its friends to the favor and aid of the people of the North. The buildings of the college were destroyed by the Union troops during the war, not only, in Gen. MEADE'S opinion, without either necessity or authority, but merely as one of those useless acts of vandal violence which occur in all wars. Through the aid of some gentlemen in Washington, and of Messrs. A. T. STEWART, W. E. DODGE, A. BELMONT, ROBERT BONNER, and others in New York, a beginning was made last year of the work of rebuilding them. They are now more than half done, and may be ready for the opening of the next term, provided additional funds can be procured. The college is the oldest in the country, with the exception of Harvard, and its very great importance, especially to the tide-water region of Virginia, as well as the fact that many of the most distinguished men of the country have been educated within its walls, give it very strong claims to public attention and favor. President EWELL has received from Gen. GRANT, Chief Justice Chase, and other distinguished public men, assurances of a very warm interest in the object of his mission and expressions of their earnest hope that it may be successful.

Mayor HALL could not signalize his advent as Chief Magistrate of the City in a more acceptable manner than by inventing some means for ridding us of the distress consequent upon snow-clogged streets. We understand that he is at present considering how this may be done, and looks favorably upon a proposition which has been made to him by Mr. B. A. SMITH, the inventor of the street-sweeping machines which are extensively used in this and other cities for clearing the railroad tracks of snow. Mr. SMITH has invented a new machine for lifting and melting the snow, which may be considered of great importance if it will accomplish the work he has laid out for it. It is merely a portable furnace, in which certain chemical substances are to be consumed which will radiate a heat so intense that the snow must rapidly disappear and flow into the culverts. The plan seems feasible, and in the hands of a person of Mr. SMITH'S large experience in street-cleaning, we are disposed to think it may prove practicable. With four of these furnaces Mr. SMITH asserts that he can, in the course of a single night, remove a fall of six or eight inches of snow from Broadway, provided he gets to work soon after the fall has ceased. If this can be done there will be wise economy, not only in clearing Broadway, but also in making the narrow business streets passable. We must in some manner supersede our present method of submitting to our Winter-long miseries. Art and invention must sooner or later overcome the slow processes of nature.

Yesterday was the *Jour des Rois*—a festival wholly unknown to our brief American calendar of holidays, but one whereof we now begin to have glimpses, through the influx of European population, who bring it, and generally keep it, with other souvenirs of the Old World. In French and German families we may see signs of the celebration, in the windows of French and German bakeries, we may view the "cake," around which clusters the great sport of the day. Should we go further, and share in the division of that cake, we might find therein, if ours were the lucky slice, an almond, or a bean, or, mayhap, a ring; and we should accordingly be crowned "King," (or Queen, as the case might be,) for the year to come; and whatever sports and pastimes would follow, and whatever honors would gather around our royal head, would depend on the degree to which, in our little circle, the observance of the *Jour des Rois* was carried.

Prof. DOREMUS, in his lecture at the College of New-York the other evening, expressed his surprise that the magnesium, electro-magnetic and other new and powerful lights do not replace the oil and gas in general use. The reason may be found in the dislike of practical people to go out of their way or risk anything for an experiment—a feeling shown in the case of almost every progressive human discovery. But if those magnesium and other lights show themselves good and easily available, after a time, they will be adopted, and then hold their ground in turn, when anything better is suggested. Let the theoretic *illuminati* get up their manufactory, and half their work will be done; they will have got their light "from under" the bushel—in spite of those "vested interests" which naturally make resistance against the innovations.

The English papers, both London and provincial, are full of comments on Mr. BRIGHT'S elevation to the Cabinet, details of his interview with the Queen, and speculations as to the probable political bearing of the event. The main point dwelt upon, apparently with a certain amount of surprise, is his cordial reception by Her Majesty, and the marked compliments paid him by the Royal family. Herein, we fancy, is to be found the key to the whole affair, and an important clue to the future course of events, as regards the attitude of the extreme Radical Party toward the monarchy. Mr. BRIGHT accepts office under what might be termed, in another sense of the phrase, "personal allegiance." He has always, while carefully abstaining from any open expression of approval of the monarchical principle, manifested the greatest personal loyalty to Queen VICTORIA, and has defended her in indignant language from personal attacks. What the effect on Mr. BRIGHT'S relations with the Throne, and those

See FERNANDO WOOD'S remarks at the conclusion of Mr. WASHBURNE'S speech in Congress yesterday.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

THE TAMMANY.

One of the strongest of the human inclinations is for ease. Some people may rejoice in ceremonious and dignified constraint, but all feel at times the irresistible charms of slippered comfort. Our European neighbors have always endeavored to satisfy this inclination in their popular amusements, and have arranged innumerable pleasure gardens and promenade exhibitions, where there is no chance to tire of a long performance and a cramped seat. But among native Americans such concerns have not found favor; most people (ladies particularly) go to theatres and concerts as they go to church, and would as soon be seen to leave their seats and walk about in one as in the other. In England and France, saloons, galleries and restaurants invite the patrons of theatres and the opera to increase their comfort and enlarge the pleasures of the evening, but in America our public places of amusement have only shining bar-rooms where man alone can refresh themselves, and then only standing like cattle at the stall. Besides this—Americans make it a business of theatre going; to be sought in a hurry and to be left in a hurry. A performance in New-York which commences at 8 o'clock and lasts longer than 10:30 is considered as an imposition on the good nature of its patrons. In England the entertainments usually begin at 7:30, and last four hours. This dislike for too large a measure of amusement for the money is extended even to a disinclination for anything more than the plain theatrical or operatic exhibition itself; Indian punkas to fan the heated heads of the public, and gushing fountains in the parquette to refresh the eyes of the public, have never been found an additional attraction at the Summer theatres; should any reckless manager attempt to make his patrons a present of ice-cream in the Summer months, the chances are that they would stay away from his feast. Nor is this a peculiarity of the higher class of visitors, for the humblest audiences in the humblest theatres love the fashionable idea of constraint, and refresh themselves—if at all—in their seats with a shame-faced consciousness of wrong doing.

The evils of cramped space and forced retention of one spot are not few nor trivial; it would be healthier for every one in a theatre to be able to get up at the end of each act, and walk about until the curtain rises again. It would not make any worse confusion than is now created by the frequent flight and return of the masculines who run out and in on such occasions, and would greatly oblige the fair sex, who cannot now follow their example without remark. We have always contended for the advantages that would flow from the introduction in this country of a respectable class of amusements which would combine absolute freedom with the customary enjoyment of the stage. "The Tammany," which Messrs. JARRETT & PALMER have just opened to the public, is a step in the right direction, whether it come up to the best standard or not. It comprises in one building two theatres; a minor hall where stereopticon views and a Punch and Judy show are to be enjoyed over a cigar or any other exhilerant, and a grand saloon, where a varied entertainment is presented—any part of which may be omitted one night and witnessed another without inconvenience; a supper room for ladies; a smoking-room, lounge and reading-room for gentlemen; and the inevitable bar for those heroes who cannot pass an evening without strong drinks.

A striking defect in The Tammany is apparent at the entrance to the structure; a long flight of steps must be ascended, in full view of the loungers at the front doors, in order to reach the supper-rooms, and another flight of steps with two turnings must be ascended to reach the grand theatre. Long ascensions of this kind are not in favor with our people. It would have been better to locate the grand theatre below, and the supper-rooms, bar, &c., above it; thus, in case of any accident, the egress would not be so difficult nor so much delayed. This one objection passed, all the rest seems to have been arranged for the comfort and convenience of the public.

On the opening night and last evening the vast crowd that flocked to the new place of amusement was attracted by curiosity, and gratified as a horde of Camanches would explore

THE DARIEN CANAL.

The Isthmus of Darien Interoceanic Canal—Surveys of the Route—Possibility and Importance of the Work—Mr. Cullen's Mission.

NEW-YORK, Sunday, 7th, 1869.

The commercial advantages of an artificial water communication between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, across the Isthmus of Darien, are no longer a subject for argument. They have already been so thoroughly canvassed and are so well understood by all civilized nations, that any effort to prove their existence or value would be regarded as the most useless of tasks. The benefits that would accrue to mankind by the mere saving of time resulting from such communication may be regarded as incalculable, while the commercial value of an inter-oceanic canal, at the lowest possible estimate, would annually be equal to the entire cost of the work.

That the project is entirely practicable will probably not be disputed in the present state of knowledge, and in view of the stupendous works of engineering that have already been achieved as the results of scientific exertion and skill. The Mexican Desagne, the Suez Canal, the tunnel under the Alps at Mont Cenis, are sufficient in themselves to prove that a canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is not only altogether practicable, in all respects of time, cost and difficulty, but that the interests of commerce and intercourse between the peoples of the habitable globe are destined to triumph over all merely physical impediments and consummate the greatest and boldest work ever suggested by human ingenuity.

This project has commanded the attention of merchants, engineers and statesmen for more than a century; and numerous surveys have been made for the purpose of determining the most feasible route. Several plans have been suggested, surveyed and abandoned, while others still claim the attention of scientific men and political economists. Not less than a score of routes, from one ocean to the other, have at various times been the subject of discussion, until finally those who have given the matter the profoundest study seem to be convinced that one of two routes, namely, that from the Gulf of San Miguel to Caledonia Bay, or that from the Bayano River to the Gulf of San Blas, will ultimately prove the most advantageous and feasible.

The former of these routes of communication has never been instrumentally surveyed, but the knowledge that has been obtained, based upon the evidence of competent and trustworthy men, is such as to warrant any expense that might be necessary for a thorough survey. The latter route was accurately surveyed and mapped in 1864, under the direction of FREDERICK M. KELLEY, of this City, who, having made seven surveys at his own expense, has probably added more to our knowledge of the subject and done more to aid in the solution of this vast commercial and political problem than any man now living.

The map and profile of this route, which accompanies the admirable report of Rear-Admiral C. H. DAVIS, places the entire length of a ship canal, across the Isthmus, from the mouth of the Bayano River to the Gulf of San Blas, at a little more than thirty miles. Starting from the Pacific side, the line of communication is almost due north. In the Bayano ordinary high tide is sixteen feet; on the opposite coast the ordinary rise of tide is only two and a half feet. The harbor on the North is spacious and deep; that on the South is also deep and safe. The most striking feature of Mr. KELLEY's plan is a tunnel through the Cordilleras, seven miles in length, 100 feet wide and 115 feet high, which would be amply sufficient to allow the passage of a first-class man-of-war, with her topmast and top-gallant mast struck and her yards braced, while steamers could, of course, pass without difficulty. The bottom of the proposed canal is 25 feet below high tide on the Pacific, and the mean depth of water 30 feet.

The following is a table of distances:

	Miles.
From the Bay of Chepillo to Panels (Bayano River section)	10,161
From Panels to the Tunnel	8 996
Length of Tunnel	7.000
From the Tunnel to San Blas	3.873
Total length of Canal	30,030

The plan contemplates a tidal lock across the great bend in the Bayano River, near Chepo, and probably an aqueduct over the Mamoni River, a few miles above its junction with the Bayano. Mr. KELLEY's estimates of the cost of this work are only $65,000,000, but if they were twice as high the work would undoubtedly pay for itself every year.

The Darien route, as proposed, commences at some point in Caledonia Bay, on the Atlantic, and proceeding in a southwesterly direction a distance of thirty-nine miles, terminates in the Gulf of San Miguel, in the Pacific. Here there are good harbors at both ends of the line, spacious and admirable in every respect. This route was first suggested by Dr. CULLEN in 1850, but his survey, which was made without instruments, was very unsatisfactory and very doubtful. It was partially surveyed sometime afterward by Mr. LIONEL GISBORNE, of the London "Associated Institute of Civil Engineers," who pronounced upon the practicability of the scheme and reported favorably of the capabilities of Port Escoces and Caledonia Bay, and also of the entrance into Darien Harbor, from the Gulf of San Miguel, by the Boca Chica. He proposed following the Savannah River and its tributary, the Lara, and thence cutting a canal over the summit level, which he estimated at only one hundred and thirty feet, to the Caledonia River. This project might be executed either with or without locks. There seems, however, to be some doubt in regard to the height of the summit, as Capt. PREVOST, in 1853, turned back after reaching an altitude of 1,300 feet; and even then discovered no indications that the highest point had been attained. This question can be definitely settled in no manner, save by a survey with proper instruments, which, although twice attempted, has never been completed. The difference in the height of the tides at the two extremities of this route, diminishes the value of an open cut without locks. The best authorities on the subject represent that at Chipagana, eight or nine miles above the mouth of the Savannah River, the tide rises from twenty-five to thirty feet, while there is a rise of only two feet in the Atlantic on the opposite coast, but the mean tide level is the same in both oceans. This last fact may be regarded as definitely settled, notwithstanding the difference of opinion formerly entertained among distinguished authorities.

Public attention now centres in the two routes just described. There can be no doubt among patriotic Americans that this highway between the oceans, inviting the trade and commerce of Europe on the one hand, and Asia on the other, across the American Isthmus, should be built under the auspices and protection of the Government of the United States. It would be not only a work of stupendous magnitude in a commercial sense, but also a magnificent stroke of policy from a political point of view; nor less in value in protecting the continent from any infringement of the Monroe doctrine, which is now held to be a necessary material part of the policy of this Government, than it was to prevent the French Emperor from obtaining a foothold in Mexico.

In the Winter of 1866, through the exertions of Hon. JOHN CONNESS, of California, who takes the liveliest interest in the enterprise, aided by certain other patriotic members of both Houses, Congress appropriated $40,000 for the purpose of making a Government survey which should at once verify the measurements of the San Blas route by Mr. KELLEY, and make an accurate map and profile of the Darien line from the Savannah River to Caledonia Bay, in order to determine which of the two is the more practicable. The appropriation is now awaiting the action of the Department of State. In the meantime, Mr. SEWARD has dispatched CALEB CUSHING to the capital of New-Granada to secure the privilege of making further surveys by the United States Government, and if possible to secure the right of way across the Isthmus.

During its last session, the Legislature of New-York granted the necessary charter to PETER COOPER, FREDERICK M. KELLEY, CYRUS FIELD, LUKE S. HERSELL, NORMAN ELIOT, ARNOLD G. KOLLOCK, CORNELIUS K. GARRISON, ROBERT H. PARKE, WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, F. A. CONKLING, W. H. VANDERBILT, and other leading men of the State, and a few weeks ago these gentlemen fully organized as a joint Stock Company, for the purpose of connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans by means of a ship canal. The whole scheme awaits the results of Mr. SEWARD's negotiation with the Government of New Granada, which, if favorable, will be immediately followed by the preliminary surveys.

I have here indicated the present state of the great enterprise from the knowledge gained through the researches of the most trustworthy engineers, among whom may be mentioned KELLY, MICHLER, PREVOST, TRAUTWINE, MCDOUGAL, DAVIS, GISBORNE, and many others, we are compelled to conclude that the problem of an inter-oceanic canal is capable of a favorable solution; and those who are not aware of human ingenuity and capabilities, we cannot doubt that the solution will be found. And when once fully open to the trade of nations, we may be quite sure that this "door of the seas," with anything of a reasonable management, will remain forever open to the world. Its freedom and neutrality is to be guaranteed by the arbitrators of the commercial world.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Effect of the Demands of Russia on Turkey.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The dullness of the Paris Bourse yesterday and the material decline in the Rentes, were due to the demands said to have been made by the Russian Emperor on the Sublime Porte.

A dispatch from Athens reports that all the Cretan volunteers have left Candia and returned to Syra.

SPAIN.

Extensive Republican Demonstrations at Seville and Elsewhere.

MADRID, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

There have been quite formidable Republican demonstrations at Seville and Jerez de la Frontera. At the latter city the insurgents made a futile attempt to seize arms and ammunition from the arsenal. Gen. CABALLERO DE RODAS immediately sent a strong force of soldiers to hold the town and remove the arms to Cadiz for safety.

MADRID, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A proclamation has been issued raising the state of siege of Madrid.

Gen. PRIM, in an official circular, declares that the Provisional Government does not intend to disarm the volunteers.

Señor SAGASTA, the Minister of the Interior, has issued a circular, in which he ascribes the recent troubles in Cadiz and Malaga to the intrigues of reactionists, and he charges that their object in fomenting these disturbances is to prevent the taking of the *plebiscitum*.

ITALY.

More Disturbances on Account of Tax Collections.

Disturbances caused by the collection of unpopular taxes continue. There is much agitation in Reggio and Bologna. Lieut.-Gen. CADORNA, Commandant of the military division of Florence, has been dispatched to Parma to restore order in that city.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Gen. Lopez Offers to Atone for the Recent Insults to the American Flag.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Later advices have been received from Paraguay. The war news was meagre and unimportant. Mr. MCMAHON, the United States Minister to Paraguay, had had audience with President LOPEZ, and the result was understood to be eminently satisfactory—full atonement for the recent outrages to the American flag having been guaranteed.

SHIPWRECK.

Loss of the Ship Southern Empire and All Her Crew.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The British ship *Southern Empire*, Capt. DUNLOP, which sailed from New-Orleans on the 18th of November last, laden with cotton, for Liverpool, foundered on the 20th ult, in a heavy gale. The Captain and crew perished. This ship was built at Quebec in 1866, and was 1,142 tons burden.

MEXICO.

The American Treaties Lately Ratified —Gen. Rosecrans' Speech Criticised.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

EDWARD L. PLUMB, late the American Secretary of Legation and *Charge d' Affaires* at Mexico, arrived here to-day from Vera Cruz, and is to sail on Saturday next for Washington. He brings with him the copies of the convention for the settlement of American and Mexican claims, and of the treaty recognizing the rights of naturalized citizens, which were ratified by the Mexican Congress.

The Mexican journals generally abstain from comment on the speech made by Gen. ROSECRANS at his reception by President JUAREZ. The *Correo*, of Vera Cruz, the only journal which criticises the discourse, shows much indignation at what it calls the arrogant tone of the American Minister, and the hidden menace of his words. Many rumors calculated to create alarm were circulating in Mexico regarding the mission of Gen. ROSECRANS, and it was reported that the recent frequent sessions of Congress with closed doors were held to consider the subject of his demands; but they were probably wholly devoted to the discussion and ratification of the two treaties with the United States. The *Two Republics* (newspaper) asserts that these treaties are not favorably received by the Americans resident in Mexico.

The Mexican Press generally express sympathy for the revolutionary cause in Cuba. Some journals demand the annexation of Cuba and its conversion into a Mexican province.

Brigandage in the country is steadily on the increase, and the commerce and industry of the country are nearly paralyzed.

Gen. GONZALES ORTEGA has issued a manifesto to his friends, advising them to remain tranquil and pursue their ordinary avocations for the present.

CUBA.

The Insurrection Declining—The Sugar Crop—Murders in Havana.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The commercial bulletin of a leading firm in Cardenas says:

"The insurrection is beginning to decline, and all apprehensions that it might extend to the vicinity of Cardenas are now removed. The sugar crop promises a yield fully equal to that of last year. The fields are in first rate condition; but planters cannot obtain sufficient help to work them. The weather, which, until the present, has been unpropitious for cane grinding, has cleared up, and the work will forthwith commence. The demand from the States for molasses is becoming quite lively. The statement published in New-York that the cholera had broken out among the Spanish troops here is untrue.

A number of Cuban political prisoners have been set free within the past few days. PEDRO ARMENTEROS, one of the prisoners, has been pardoned, but he refuses to leave the jail and demands a trial. Gen. DULCE has ordered his discharge from custody. The negroes to-day are celebrating "King's Day" with the usual ceremonies. Thousands of people are in the streets, but good order prevails.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 6—Evening.

Reports have reached the city of an engagements between the troops and the insurgents near Nuevitas; the result is unknown, and no particulars can be obtained at the present moment. Puerto Principe remains quiet. The garrison is too weak to attempt the offensive against the rebels in the vicinity. Little news has been heard of Count VALMASEDA. Throughout the entire eastern department and in portions of the central department provisions are extremely scarce. The troops are prevented from marching rapidly for want of adequate means of transportation and necessary supplies.

Some disturbances are reported to-day, owing to the excitement created by the festivities. A negro this morning assassinated a young man for some unknown cause. Later in the day a Mexican was murdered by a negro in a fracas.

This afternoon an officer of the Spanish army, in a street quarrel, killed Señor TRASO VASQUEZ, a young Cuban of respectable family. The officer ran his sword entirely through the young man's body. The murderer was arrested and is now in prison. Señor VASQUEZ last year cowhided a Spanish Judge.

Rain has commenced to fall again to-night.

Frightful Accident at Rochester, N.Y.— Eight Persons Killed.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A shocking accident occurred in this city this evening by which eight persons were killed and thirty seriously injured. A floor in the school house of St. Peter and St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church gave way while it was crowded with people attending the holiday festival; 300 or more persons went downward, and several were instantly killed. The wildest excitement ensued, and if the report that before the wounded could be taken from the ruins, fire broke out, is true, the number of deaths will be greatly increased. The following are the killed: Bernard Dolmer and wife, Mrs. George Rink, Mrs. Charles Spatz, George Pop, Karl Bernhardt, Rosina Bayer and Margaret Weiss. Many surgeons are attending the injured, some of whom will probably die. The building was erected last Summer.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Meetings of Various State Legislatures —Candidates for United States Senators.

HARRISBURG, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The Governor's Message was delivered to the Legislature to-day. He speaks of the prosperous condition of the State finances, showing that the debt is annually diminishing, and recommends retrenchment in every department. The common schools are in a satisfactory condition, but he estimates that seventy-five thousand children in the State are without school facilities, and urges improvement, and also an increase in the salaries for teachers. He urges the adoption of measures to prevent fraudulent naturalization. He alludes to the case of HESTER VAUGHAN and other persons under sentence of death, for whose execution warrants have never been signed, and suggests a law allowing the Governor to commute a death penalty for a term of years.

The joint Republican caucus met this afternoon and immediately nominated JOHN SCOTT, of Huntingdon, for United States Senator, and H. W. MACKEY, of Pittsburg, for State Treasurer. Both Houses of the Legislature have adjourned until Tuesday.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The Massachusetts Legislature convened to-day. The Senate elected ROBERT E. PITMAN, of New-Bedford, President by 24 votes, against 13 for BRASTOW, the President last session, and 3 scattering. The House reelected HARVEY JEWELL Speaker by 132 votes, against 103 for Mr. BAKER. After the organization both branches proceeded, under the escort of the Independent Cadets, to the old South Church, where the annual sermon was preached by Rev. R. F. CLARK, of Chelmsford.

The Senate elected STEPHEN N. GIFFORD Clerk, and JOHN MORRISSEY Sergeant-at-Arms. The House elected WILLIAM S. ROBINSON Clerk, with only six opposition votes, and GARDNER TUFTS Sergeant-at-Arms. Judge PITMAN was elected President of the Senate. He was supported by the liquor prohibitionists.

WILMINGTON, Del., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The Legislature organized at Dover yesterday. JAMES WILLIAMS, of Kent, was chosen Speaker of the Senate, and JOHN HICHMAN, of Sussex, Speaker of the House. After the organization both Houses adjourned to attend the funeral of Ex-Senator MARTIN W. BATES. Governor SAULSBURY's Message was transmitted to-day. JAMES A. BAYARD, now serving out the term of the late Senator RIDDLE, in the United States Senate by appointment, will be reelected on Tuesday next for the balance of the term, which expires on the 4th of March. For the full term following, his son, THOMAS F. BAYARD, will probably be chosen.

RALEIGH, N. C., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A quorum was present to-day, in both branches of the Legislature. The Public Treasurer submitted his report, stating that the failure to pay the interest on the State debt was caused by inability to borrow the necessary $306,000, without pledging the stocks, &c., of the State as collaterals. The Legislature will reinstate the Supreme Court in their proper rooms.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A resolution was offered in the House to-day, directing the Speaker to appoint a committee of five to investigate the conduct of Gov. REED. In the Senate there was a quorum of the members present, and Lieut.-Gov. GLEASON presided.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

There was a quorum in both Houses of the Legislature to-day. No business of importance was transacted. The Supreme Court will deliver the opinion on the Charleston Mayoralty *mandamus* case to-morrow.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The Legislature will meet here to-morrow morning. A Republican Senatorial caucus will be held on Tuesday night. Indications are that Lieut.-Gov. CUMBACK will be nominated.

AUGUSTA, Me., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Both branches of the Legislature were organized to-day by the election of the officers who were nominated in the Republican caucuses last evening.

DETROIT, Mich., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

At a caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature to-night Hon. Z. CHANDLER was nominated for reelection to the United States Senate. The Legislature convened at Lansing to-day, organized and adjourned until to-morrow. The Messages of the retiring and incoming Governors will be delivered to-morrow.

Reported Sale of Chihuahua and Sinaloa to the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A letter from Durango states that Gens. ORTEGA and PATONI, the latter recently assassinated, had in their possession, as their friends affirm, documents showing that the States of Chihuahua and Sinaloa have been sold to the United States and would be occupied by American forces inside of two years. The report was fully credited in Durango.

The Kentuck Mining Company have declared a dividend of $20 a share for December, payable on the 9th of January.

The Yellow Jacket Company have declared a dividend of $300 a share for the quarter ending Dec. 31, payable on the 15th of January.

The steamer *Sacramento* sailed to-day for Panama, with $764,000 in treasure. $471,000 of which is for New-York and $278,000 for England.

The Members of the Late Constitutional Convention of Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The State Treasurer having written to Gen. STONEMAN, recommending the payment to members of the late Constitutional Convention of the balance due them, Gen. STONEMAN replies that, having consulted with Secretary SCHOFIELD, who commanded the district at the time the Convention was in session, he declines to issue an order for the payment of said balance. The revenue collections in this district for last year were $700,000, being nearly $200,000 more than in 1867. The State *Press*, so far as heard from, stands as follows on the new movement for universal suffrage with the hope of universal amnesty: In favor of it, eleven Democratic papers, and against it, eight Democratic and two Republican papers.

The Affairs of the Commercial Bank at St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Bank was held yesterday. The Directors presented an amended and detailed report. The total assets were estimated at $765,671; liabilities, $630,258. The assets consist of landed and other property difficult to realize on. It is generally understood that nearly the entire capital has been lost. The report was referred back to the Directors, and the meeting adjourned to the 9th of March. This virtually leaves the directors to wind up the affairs of the bank, as the charter expires on Friday.

Murder of a Colored Man at Colesville, N. Y.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

A colored man named ENOCK, formerly a slave, was shot to-day at Colesville, a few miles from this city, by WM. O. MARKHAM, a white man. The shooting was performed with a gun that had been kept for the purpose. MARKHAM stood in his own house and fired upon the negro through the window. The gun was loaded with heavy shot, which scattered and wounded him mainly in the abdomen. ENOCK lay in the street for some time, and died a few hours after he was shot. MARKHAM was arrested and will be held to answer before the Grand Jury.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—In the Circuit Court yesterday, Judge PINKNEY delivered his opinion in the case of ADDISON VS. ADDISON. The bill in the case was filed for the sale of certain property, the title of which involved a question of the legality of a marriage contract between slaves. Judge PINKNEY decided that emancipation gives to the slave his civil rights, and a contract of marriage legal and valid by the consent of the master, and the moral assent of the slave from the moment of his freedom. Although dormant during slavery, it produces all the effects which result from such contracts among free persons.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 6.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad today the following Board of Directors was elected: J. H. McCullough, J. Gist, J. Graham, Cashier Lewis, Taylor, E. Willard and Wm. M. Denman.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 6.—Gen. YOUNG, Supervisor of Internal Revenue, seized AUTON FRANKMAN's rectifying house to-day.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP HERMANN.

The steamship *Hermann*, which left Bremen Dec. 19 and Southampton Dec. 22, reached this port yesterday, with two days' later news than was previously at hand. The extracts printed below constitute the most important part of the intelligence by the *Hermann*.

JOHN BRIGHT.

His Re-election to Parliament—Interesting Speech at Birmingham.

Mr. BRIGHT, who by accepting the office of President of the Board of Trade in the new Government vacated his seat for this borough a few days ago, presented himself on Dec. 21 to his old constituents for reelection.

The right honorable gentleman, on reaching the hustings, was received with loud cheers, and the cheers were still louder and more prolonged when, in reading the writ commanding the election, the town-clerk uttered the words "our right trusty and well-beloved councillor, JOHN BRIGHT," as used in the name of the Queen.

Mr. HOLLAND, Mayor of Birmingham, acting as returning officer, and after the necessary preliminary formalities had been complied with, Mr. J. S. WRIGHT proposed the Right Hon. J. BRIGHT as a fit and proper person to represent the borough in Parliament.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. W. HARRIS, and Mr. BRIGHT, in the absence of any other candidate, was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected.

Mr. BRIGHT then rose, amid loud cheering. After referring at some length to the circumstances under which he had been requested to take a position in the Cabinet, he proceeded as follows to give his views on the policy of the new Government:

This Government which is now formed is the express representation and creation of the great intelligent Liberal Party in the three kingdoms. The first great question to which necessarily the Government must apply itself is that which was put to the constituencies at the recent elections—the great question of the Irish Church—and on that question you have returned a verdict which no man living can for a moment mistake. I shall not enter into any argument about the Irish Church. The time for argument has passed; the time for action—and thorough, earnest action—has arrived. But, looking at the verdict and the means by which it was obtained, I will say one word with regard to what happened at the recent election, for that great mode of ascertaining the popular view on this important question has, to me, its sad and its dark features. In this town, where the majority was so enormous, the difficulty was not so great; but if you survey some of the counties, and very large number of the boroughs throughout the kingdom—I ought to confine myself very much to England and Ireland, for Scotland may be to a large extent excepted from this charge—you will find the exercise of the constitutional right of creating a Parliament has been accompanied by much that every lover of freedom and public morals must regret and condemn. We have had tumult in scores of boroughs. Those twin demons, discord and drink, have run riot in the streets of many of our towns, and among the poorer classes of voters there can be no doubt that bribery to a great extent has prevailed. There has been treating to a still greater extent, and throughout both counties and boroughs there has been in many cases a relentless compulsion which has deprived thousands, and I believe scores of thousands of electors of the right and the freedom to which by law they were entitled. The whole picture, as I surveyed it from day to day in the newspaper reports, was one really fearful and horrible. I think it was humiliating to us in a very great degree, and that every one of us should ask himself whether it is possible to apply a remedy to such a state of things. It seems to me that much of our electoral system, coming down from old times, times very different from these, is barbarous, and is no longer tolerable. I never, for instance, can understand why it should be necessary in all times to have what we term the process and ceremony of public nomination. It is all very well on an occasion like this, when we are all agreed—when we are not so numerous, that we cannot meet under a tree where there is room for everybody, good humor in everybody's countenance, and when everybody is willing to listen; but in most of our elections the process is not a very different character. The two political parties are more equally divided; they are marshalled by their leaders, men are brought in from surrounding villages and districts, a class of men not given to peaceable transactions are often introduced, signals are made from one side of the platform and from the other, and what are called the speeches at nominations are not speeches at all, but simply attempts to scream out a few words or sentences in the ear of a friendly reporter. The result is this, that the day of nomination is a preliminary skirmish to the general battle of the morrow, that can only be fought face to face, and I am sorry to say that frequently some of them get excited, even beyond the excitement of a political contest. They meet together; their passions are heated; there are a dozen or a score of slight skirmishes occurring in the crowd; and before the day is over a very considerable portion of the population of the borough is ready at any moment to come into conflict with some other portion differing in opinion or in parliamentary from it. Then there comes the open voting and the open poll, and from hour to hour the excitement grows, and as the time nears when the race is about to be decided, even in boroughs so well conducted as this, and where the proportions are so widely apart, even in our principal streets, scenes and transactions occur which the day after every one of us look back upon with regret. Now, my notion of this question is that if you can in one of your large wards, which now contains just as many electors as there were electors for Birmingham ten years ago, you can have your elections for your municipal council without the trouble and turmoil and conflict and farce of public nomination—so it might be easy to arrange that all elections for Parliament might be conducted on the same principle, with an enormous gain to the true interests of freedom throughout the country. Again, with regard to that other question of the mode of voting to which reference has already been made, I can very gladly rely on what I read when up in London last week I found, I was going to say, almost nobody, professing to be a Liberal on the Liberal side of the House of Commons who was not in favor of the ballot. Those who had previously been in its favor have been strongly confirmed in their views by recent transactions, and some important persons who heretofore have withheld their countenance from it, now admit with the greatest freedom that what they have seen of late has entirely changed their opinion, and they believe that with our present wide suffrage—I don't know why it is absolutely more in just one case than in the other—the adoption of the ballot is not only proper, but inevitable. There is another thing, as we are Americanizing our institutions, about which I wish to say a word. That very foolish phrase, you will remember, was adopted by the friends and partisans of the late Government, who themselves last year took the greatest step which has been made in that direction during our lifetime. But, as I was going to observe, there is one rule in the elections in some American States which is found to be very useful, and it is this, that on the day of the polling in the cities the public houses are closed. My own opinion is, that such a rule would tend greatly to the tranquility of our towns; and it would, probably, tend to promote that clearness of conscience which is so necessary for rightly exercising the privilege of the franchise. But the question has come now to this point, that it appears to me absolutely necessary that public attention should be called to the whole subject of our mode of election, and that Parliament will not fulfill its duty to itself or to the country unless it takes the matter up with a thorough determination to apply to the evils to which I have alluded the best and speediest remedy of which they are capable. Surely, if Parliament is the guardian of freedom, and of justice, and of public morals, it is desirable that it should not take its origin from scenes and transactions such as were witnessed in the recent general election. Now, what other question is there that, in your opinion as a great national question, requires early attention? (Several voices—"Reapegging.") That question is not so much a great national question as a great local question. I was going to refer to another point on which I spoke at the meeting previous to the late election—the question of public and national education. I believe that the more political power is removed from the monarch, or the nobles, or a select class in a country, and the more it is distributed among the people—that while it itself is a great means of education, it calls for more attention to the proper, complete, and universal extension of education among the community at large. We have in all our parishes everywhere throughout the Kingdom organizations for the relief of paupers and for the punishment of criminals. I want to ask why, if these things can be done by the public will, and by the fiat of Parliament, we cannot have at least as complete and as widely-sustained an organization, by which all the children of our people shall be brought up in instruction and self-respect. This is a question, which Parliament will, no doubt, consider, and which the Government—any Government, whether this or any other—cannot leave altogether out of its catalogue of things to be considered and attempted and done. Now, there comes one other—and it is the only other—great public question on which I shall say anything, and that is the question of our large and, as I think, our scandalous expenditure. Of course, the diminution of expenditure is not a simple question like the passing of a particular bill, or the repeal of some odious act of Parliament; it is not a thing that can be done in one session, and by one stroke of the pen of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The reduction of our expenditure, to be effectual and to be considerable, must be extended over successive sessions of Parliament. It will be necessary for the Administration, to enlist itself to the support of the country, that it should from session to session exercise a rigid economy—lessen sensibly what I call our gross and scandalous expenditure, and lessen in a corresponding degree the oppressive and intolerable taxation which now sits upon the English people. Since that unfortunate event, the war with Austria in 1854, the cost of the military organization of this country has increased, as you know, enormously, and at the same time the people have come to the opinion that our ancient policy of interfering with the disputes and confusion on the Continent ought to be abandoned. Even the

The Right Honorable gentleman, in the speeches, when he wished to make a complaint, spoke of a Government his wish, and special stress upon the foreign policy of Lord STANLEY, and the foreign policy of Lord STANLEY was not to meddle and muddle, and not to give advice where it was not asked for, and not to take part in the confusion of the Continent, but to have regard solely to the great dignity and the great interests of the nation. Well, that is our foreign policy here to-day. It is that which I have already preached from your platforms. It is that which was defended, or nay in a speech in your own Town Hall, on the very first occasion when I appeared before you as your representative, at a banquet to which I was invited. What can be more mad, what more worthy, not of sensible men, but of lunacy itself, than that when we are abandoning a policy of constant and incessant, and costly, and sanguinary interference, we shall still find it necessary to add millions and millions to our military expenditure, as if, instead of becoming wiser in our foreign policy, we were every year becoming more foolish than our fathers had been? Rely upon it, that so long as Parliamentary excess from the industry of this people serenty millions a year, there is no power on earth that can keep your people and governing population from its present position. The outlay of a million, ten millions, twenty millions a year makes a difference which no man can calculate, and withers up the chances of comfort and of success through hundreds and thousands of the homes of the poorest of your people. The other day in Edinburgh, and afterwards here, I spoke of a free breakfast-table. (Loud cheers.) Now, the more I consider the matter the more I feel convinced that the attainment of that object is practicable, and that its attainment would be felt as an enormous relief to the great multitudes of your population, because out of the ten millions of taxation that might be remitted three-fourths at least would find their way into their homes; and at the same time that remission would stimulate our foreign trade to a very great extent by stimulating the consumption of those articles which we receive from abroad. It would give extended employment over the year, by the diminution of the prices of the articles from which the taxation was remitted, and it would give a greater power to consume to the whole body of the people. I was told last night that I was expected to say a great many things about what was going to be done. If it was Proper to do so I should be unable to say them, because, as you know, the Administration has only just been formed, and its members have only once met. There has been as yet no time to discuss and determine any of those questions which must necessarily claim the attention of the Government and of Parliament. My own view of the future is this, that it is the duty of the Ministry in the present session of Parliament to settle finally, if possible, the great question which was ferred to the people at the late general elections, and not to encumber it with work which ought not to be placed in competition with it. I propose myself to ask my constituents, to ask the public, and to ask the whole Liberal Party at the end of the session, to form their opinion of the course the Government shall have taken, of the efforts it has made to do wisely and well, by the general result of the legislation of the session. The future will tell its own tale; and this Government, like all preceding Governments, must be judged not by what it says, or by what it believes it will try or attempt to do, and by what it succeeds in accomplishing. For myself, I have accepted what I know to be a position of difficulty, if not, indeed, of peril. I feel that I have been urged into it by circumstances which I could not withstand, and by the opinion, expressed in various ways, of a very large portion of the Liberal party with whom I have been accustomed to act. I think, therefore, that I have the right to claim something of the sympathy and something of the lenient judgment of my friends. I have not aspired at any time of my life to the rank of a Privy Councillor nor to the dignity of a Cabinet officer. I should have preferred much to have reinhabited in the common rank of simple citizenship in which heretofore I have lived. There is a charming story contained in a single verse of the Old Testament, which has often struck me as being one of great beauty... Many of you will recollect that the prophet, in journeying to and fro, was very hospitably entertained by what is termed in the Bible a Shunammite woman. In return for her hospitality he wished to make her some amends, and he called upon him and asked her what it was that he should do for her. "Shall I speak for thee to the King," he said, "or to the Captain of the host?" Now, it has always appeared to me to be a great answer that the Shunammite woman returned. She replied, "I dwell among mine own people." When the question was put to me whether I would step into the position in which I now find myself, the answer from my heart was the same—I wish to dwell among mine own people. Happily the time may come—I trust it has come—when in this country an honest man may enter the services of the Crown, and at the same time not feel it in any degree necessary to dissociate himself from his own people. Some partial friends of mine have said that I have earned all this by my long services in the popular cause. They know not what they say. They would add abor to labor, and would compensation is a life of service by a divided responsibility. I am sensible of the duty which is imposed upon me as a Minister of the Crown. It is my duty faithfully to perform that which belongs to that position; but I have not less faithfully to act as becomes an honest representative of the people. I must now make the attempt. There are many who believe the attempt must fail. I will hope that it will not fail. I will do all I can to make it succeed. And if I should find that the two offices of which I am speaking are inconsistent and discordant, I hope at least I shall be able to discover which of them it is right for me to surrender. Gentlemen, I have done; I have spoken longer than I intended. The position is one new to me and new to you, too, and not without its difficulties and its dangers. I thank you with all my heart for the second reception which you have given me to-day. You have, by the unanimity of your votes, given your great sanction to the step which I have been induced to take. I accept my new position with this feeling, that the more cordial has been that sanction, while you will be lenient in your judgment, the more I am called upon, by all the high motives which can animate a public man, to do my honest duty, not only to those with whom I am associated in office, but to you, my constituents, who, at this moment, truly, I believe, represent the great Liberal Party throughout the kingdom.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor, proposed by Mr. BRIGHT, and seconded by Mr. MUNTZ, M. P., closed the proceedings.

MR. GLADSTONE.

Speech of Thanks for his Election in Greenwich.

Mr. GLADSTONE, returning thanks for his election at Greenwich on Dec. 21, dealt with several leading topics of the day. After a brief glance at the results of the appeal to the country, and having expressed his gratitude to the constituency for returning him whilst engaged in an arduous political struggle in Lancashire, a slight but honorable episode of the subjects requiring the attention of Parliament. With respect to reform, there were two subjects which could not be overlooked. First, the acts of intimidation which had characterized many of the recent contests had led him to the belief that whether by open voting or whatever means, the liberty of the elector must be secured. Secondly, it would be the duty of the Liberal Government forthwith to remedy the grievances inflicted by the ratepaying clauses of the Reform act. Mr. GLADSTONE then passed on to speak of education, the relations between capital and labor, and the public expenditure, and while cautioning his hearers not to expect that any administration could at once deal with every great public question, he prepared his hearers for an immediate reduction in the estimates. Touching the Irish Church last, he criticised in a manner in which his policy has been met by his opponents, and repudiated the idea that there was any analogy whatever between the position of the Established Church in England and that of the State Church in Ireland, which had been condemned by the voice of the people in the three Kingdoms.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Text of the Turkish Ultimatum to Greece.

The following is the text of the ultimatum addressed to the Greek Government by the Turkish Minister at Athens:

DECEMBER 16, 1868.

The Cabinet of the Sultan does not consider it necessary to search for proofs of the sincerity and seriousness of its desire to keep up relations of friendship and good neighborhood with his Hellenic Majesty. The whole world has witnessed the forbearance which the Porte has displayed, given proof, in face of the attitude assumed toward it by the Greek administration for the last three years. The history of the Crete insurrection is known, and there is no need here to enumerate the machinations concocted publicly and under the eye of the Greek authorities by committees sitting in the capital of the kingdom itself, with the object of fomenting and maintaining rebellion in Crete against the will of the immense majority of its inhabitants. The history of civilized countries is without an example of the contempt with which the law of nations has been treated by the committees, they have spared neither threat nor falsehood to the poor islanders to oblige them to take up arms against their legitimate sovereign. Bandits, engaged at their expense and sent to Crete under the name of volunteers, abandoned themselves to excesses of the most horrible brigandage against bodies of the unhappy rebels as dared to resist them. Thus by menace, implacably carried out, or by deceitful promises, a portion of these unhappy people have been led to emigrate into Greece, where they have found only misery and suffering. Dismissed by want, and seeing the perfect security which reigns in their own country, these unhappy exiles demanded, and still loudly demand, to be carried home. They supplicate, but in vain, that they should be allowed to exercise their free will. The Porte has made earnest endeavoring for more than two years to procure their liberty from the Hellenic Government, but without success. The major portion of them remain exposed to all sorts of privations and annoyance, and the few who have been able to return had to effect their departure at the risk of their blood. The reestablishment of tranquility in Crete and the sequel of the struggle kept up by the volunteers still in arms on the mountain ridges of the island, have had the effect of making the Hellenic ringleaders labor to prevent at any price the return of the emigrants, and to raise new bands of volunteers, in order to deceive public opinion as to the entire suppression of the insurrection. Every proceeding of hers toward the Royal Government has been most invariably either with a reply equivalent to a non-reception, or with avowals of impotence to repress the expansion of a party which desires that all should be subjected to the horrors of the past. This state of things is becoming more and more intolerable. The Ottoman Empire, which has been already so much tried, is not in a position to support it any longer. The Imperial Government, which has spared no sacrifice to maintain peace, and which has given proofs of its moderation, is resolved to put an end to it. It is for this reason that it has ordered me to declare to the Royal Government that if, within the space of seven days, it has not taken effective measures to put an end to the state of things which I have described, and to prevent the return of the bands of volunteers, and munitions to the island, in contempt of all international rights—a declaration which

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5-20 Coupon, '62	111¾	112	10-40 Coupon	106¼	106¾
5-20 Coupon, '64	108¼	108¾	7-30 Coupon	105¾	106
5-20 Coupon, '65	108¾	108¾	U. S. Cur. Fac	99½	99¾
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MIDLAND RAILROAD.
NOTICE.

The coupons due Jan. 1, 1869, on the bonds of the issue authorized in aid of the construction of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad, will be paid on presentation at the American Exchange National Bank, in the City or New-York, on and after the 3d proximo.

W. M. CONKEY,
Treasurer New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad.
OSWEGO, Dec. 29, 1868. 4tu,s,t

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house No. 237 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, on TUESDAY, 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. O. OAKLEY, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, New-York, Dec. 29, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house No. 214 and 216 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, from 12 to 1 o'clock.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE UNATHAM NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1869. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
W. E. MERKER, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 25 BROAD-ST., CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking-house, No. 25 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE BIGELOW BLUE-STONE CO.,
MALDEN, Ulster County, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES of this Company, and inspectors of the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 11th day of January next. Polls open at 2 and close at 3 o'clock.
S. BOGARDUS, Secretary.

GOLDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at its office, No. 22 William-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 18th day of January, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., upon the questions of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of levying further assessments. By order of the Directors,
S. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

STATE OF MISSOURI INTEREST.
SUB-AGENCY BANK OF COMMERCE, New-York, Dec. 24, 1868.—The coupons due 1st of January next from bonds issued or guaranteed by the State of Missouri, (except those issued to the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad,) will be paid on presentation at this bank after that date.
H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRteen Directors will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
R. BUCK, Cashier.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 58 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 26, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on MONDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
M. M. BRADLEY, Secretary.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of the Bank will be held at the banking-house, Broadway and Chambers-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of the Company and for Inspectors will be held at the Company's office, No. 21 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, commencing at 12 o'clock M., and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.
A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR five Trustees of the Smith and Parmelee Gold Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 6 Broad-st., in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1869, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M. By order.
WM. H. HOLLISTER,
Secretary.

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R. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President.
No. 43 Wall-st.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK, in City of New-York, in the State of New-York, on the morning of the 1st Monday of January, 1869:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,308,276 79
Indebtedness of Directors	5,500 00
United States bonds to secure circulation	300,000 00
United States bonds and securities on hand	260,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	14,000 00
Due from approved Associations in New-York City, viz.—	62,676 23
Due from National Banks	69,726 43
Due from other banks and bankers	765 97
Banking-house	43,000 00
Current expenses	27,751 85
Cash items, (including stamps)	14,096 59
Exchanges for Clearing-house	230,966 92
Fractional currency, (including nickels)	3,329 00
Specie, viz.: Coin	$11,508 30
Gold treasury notes	24,880 00 36,388 30
Legal-tender notes	131,955 00
Three per cent. certificates	295,000 00
Total	$2,598,171 96

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$422,700 00
Surplus fund	84,540 00
Interest	27,472 21
Profit and loss	27,665 82
Outstanding notes received from Comptroller	$134,975 00
Less amount on hand	1,525 00
Amount outstanding	133,450 00
State Bank circulation outstanding	5,612 00
Individual deposits	1,864,544 24
Due to National Banks	1,724 76
Unclaimed dividends	1,905 00
Total	$2,598,171 96

I, ROBERT BUCK, of the Pacific National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ROBERT BUCK, Cashier.
State of New-York, County of New-York: Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of January, 1869.
EDWARD J. DALY, Notary Public,
City and County of New-York.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, in New-York, in the State of New-York, on the morning of the first Monday of January, 1869:

RESOURCES.

Commercial paper	$2,149,080 11
Demand loans on U. S. bonds	540,488 80
Demand loans other stocks and securities	400,000 00
Other suspended and overdue paper	1,621 11
Indebtedness of Directors	244,340 00
Overdrafts	285 00
United States bonds to secure circulation	1,000,000 00
United States bonds to secure deposits	200,000 00
United States bonds and securities on hand	1,171,500 00
Other stocks	10,000 00
Due from National Banks	226,181 74
Due from other banks and bankers	4,105 11
Banking-house	175,000 00
Cash items (including stamps)	171,933 62
Exchanges for Clearing-house	761,811 00
Bills of other National Banks	41,813 00
Specie	95,816 35
Legal-tender notes	993,700 14
Three per cent certificates	1,750,000 00
Total	$9,747,095 34

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$1,000,000 00
Surplus fund	1,000,434 73
Interest	71,116 16
Premium account	283,292 00
Circulating notes received from Comptroller	900,000 00
State Bank circulation outstanding	7,901 00
Individual deposits	$6,318,452 29
Certified checks	49,380 04—6,367,818 33
United States deposits	83,634 10
Due to National Banks	210,792 06
Due to other banks and bankers	2,000 00
Dividends unpaid	21,771 79
Total	$9,747,095 34

I, JOHN L. EVERITT, Cashier of the National Broadway Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.
State of New-York, City and County of New-York: Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of January, 1869.
WM. J. HADDEN, Notary Public,
City and County New-York.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE TENTH NATIONAL BANK in New-York, on the morning of the first Monday of January, 1869:

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,484,124 45
Commercial Paper	647,041 66
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	876,510 63
Other suspended and overdue paper	27,376 49
Indebtedness of Directors	78,095 65
Overdrafts	69,189 85
Furniture and Fixtures	5,197 92
Premiums on Government Bonds	27,000 00
Cash items, including Revenue Stamps	41,350 80
Current Expenses	22,310 00
Taxes paid	36,455 66
Rent	7,338 50
Exchanges for Clearing-house	5,816,154 17
Due from National Banks	72,320 37
U. S. Bonds deposited with U. S. Treasurer	1,026,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure Deposits	250,000 00
Circulating Notes of other National Banks	1,240 00
Specie	77,994 66
Fractional Currency, including nickels	6,834 91
Legal-tender Notes	$447,263 00
Three per cent. Certificates	440,000 00
Total	887,263 00
	$8,471,426 60

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$1,000,000 00
Circulating notes	912,757 00
Individual deposits (including unclaimed checks)	6,095,614 18
Due to National Banks	510,454 33
Due to other banks and bankers	13,163 69
United States deposits	62,500 00
Dividends unpaid	625 00
Profit and loss	276,312 30
Total	$8,470,426 50

I, J. E. STOUT, Cashier of the Tenth National Bank, New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.
State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.—Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of January, 1869.
E. F. HYDE, Notary Public,
in and for the City and County of New-York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT our safe was broken open on the night of the 31st December, 1868, or the morning of Jan. 1, 1869, at No. 44 Hudson-st., New-York City, and the following taken therefrom: Twenty shares Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, No. 14,947, indorsed; also a receipt from same Company for ten shares of same stock; also, $100 Five-twenty United States Bond, No. 62,726, second series, 1862. All persons are notified against purchasing or negotiating for the same, as notice has been duly given to stop payments and transfer thereon.
MEYER, DEUTSCH & CO.
NEW-YORK, No. 44 Hudson-st., Jan. 5, 1869.

THE IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 247 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 45 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 12th January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking house TUESDAY, 12th inst. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock, noon.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, New-York, Dec. 31, 1868.

HOLDERS OF THE COUPONS OF THE NASHVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, due Jan. 1, 1869, are requested to present them at this bank for payment.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

THE HOWARD NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 31 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
S. HAMILTON, Cashier.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, STATE OF GEORGIA,
ATLANTA, Dec. 24, 1868.

THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1869, ON the Bonds of the State of Georgia, will be paid at the Fourth National Bank of the City of New-York.
N. ANGIER, Treasurer.

$40,000, $6,000, $5,000, $4,000, AND other sums to lend at 7 per cent. on bond and mortgage; leasehold and second mortgages wanted. Apply, 11 to 2 daily, R. SALTONSTALL, No. 40 Wall-st., Room No. 36.

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HATCH, FOOTE & CO.
BANKERS,
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Buy and Sell all issues of
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at MARKET RATES.
No. 12 Wall-st., New-York.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK in New-York, in the State of New-York, Jan. 4, 1869:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,462,598 76
Overdrafts	1,203 71
United States Bonds to secure circulation	220,000 00
United States Bonds and Securities on hand	168,250 00
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	211,191 00
Due from approved Associations in New-York	10,319 39
Banking-house	44,120 04
Current expenses	$10,485 76
Taxes paid	16,639 05— 27,122 81
Premiums	15,184 62
Cash items (including stamps)	22,850 93
Exchanges for Clearing-house	118,483 43
Bills of other National Banks	24,258 00
Bills of other banks	317 00
Fractional Currency (including nickels)	10,401 74
Specie—viz.: coin	$10,634 07
Gold Treasury Notes	25,180 00— 35,814 07
Legal-tender Notes	207,815 00
Three per cent. certificates	90,000 00
Total	$2,773,971 08

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$600,000 00
Surplus Fund	250,000 00
Discount	13,769 83
Interest	29,491 40
Profit and Loss	89,979 45
Circulating Notes	198,720 00
State Bank circulation outstanding	16,695 00
Individual Deposits	$1,577,349 83
Certified Checks	21,417 03—1,598,766 40
Total	$2,773,971 08

I, GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier of the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.
State of New-York, County of New-York: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1869.
FERNANDO BAILEY, Notary Public,
New-York County.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK of the City of New-York on the morning of the first Monday in January, 1869:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$687,624 99
Overdue paper	47,281 95
Indebtedness of Directors	52,808 79
United States bonds to secure circulation	280,000 00
Due from National Banks	2,029 15
Banking-house	60,000 00
Other Real Estate	4,363 00
Current Expenses	74 75
Premiums	19,000 00
Cash Items, including Revenue Stamps	27,015 00
Exchanges for Clearing-house	60,858 70
Bills of other National Banks	16,170 00
Fractional Currency, (including nickels)	14,000 00
Specie	6,018 85
Legal Tender Notes	236,985 00
Total	$1,434,324 81

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	$250,000 00
Surplus and Profits	26,231 44
Circulation	249,600 00
Individual Deposits	7,5,301 96
Exchanges from Clearing-house	101,926 41
Dividends unpaid	9,015 00
Total	$1,434,324 81

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1869.
WM. BROWER, Notary Public City and County of New York.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that the vote in favor of owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association to go into liquidation and be closed, has been taken, and that this Association is going into liquidation accordingly.
And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present said notes and other claims against this Association for payment at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.
Dated TROY, Dec. 31, 1868.
By order of the Board of Directors.
FRS. SIMS, Cashier.
This Bank has reorganized as a State Institution and will continue business as usual, under the name of The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 134 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

SEVENTH WARD NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Bank will be held at its Banking-house, No. 324 Pearl-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock P. M.
C. MONTAGUE, Cashier.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors will be held at the banking-house, No. 152 Bowery, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1869, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

WANTED—LOAN $30,000 TO $60,000 ON IMproved first-class real estate. Address Box No. 111 Times Office.

DIVIDENDS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION.
No. 96 WARREN-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1868.

The Trustees of this Institution have declared the usual semi-annual dividend of Three and Six Per Cent. per annum on all sums from $1 to $5,000, which have been on deposit for three or six months previous to Jan. 1, payable on and after the 18th of January. Interest not withdrawn will be added to the principal, and bear interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 66 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

DIVIDEND.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 6th day of January, instant.
THEODORE KEELER, Secretary.

DRY DOCK SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 341 and 343 East 4th-st.

On the 1st of January, 1869, an extra dividend of two per cent. will be made on all deposits, and for three months, will be paid to depositors entitled thereto.
ANDREW MILLS, President.
JAMES L. STEWART, Secretary.
NOV. 1, 1868.

THE CHEMUNG RAILROAD COMPANY,
JAN. 21, 1868.

A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF TWO Per Cent., free from Government tax, has been declared by this Company, payable at the office of the Company, No. 61 Wall-st., May 1st, and after Jan. 2, 1869.
JAMES P. LOWREY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TRADESMEN'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 186 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after 15th inst.
F. S. HOYT, Secretary.

NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH AMERICA,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1868.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. free of all tax, will be paid the stockholders of this Bank on and after Jan. 4, 1869, until which date the transfer books will remain closed.
J. A. BEARDSLEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 149 BROADWAY, N. W. corner of Liberty-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, 12th inst., between the hours of 12 M and 1 P. M.
W. S. OLEARY, Secretary.
JAN. 4, 1869.

THE NASSAU FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICERS NO. 10 COURT-ST., BROOKLYN,
NO. 45 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Ten (10) per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
THOS. B. JONES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK EQUITABLE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 92 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. on the capital stock, free from Government tax, payable on and after the 11th inst.
JOHN S. DICKERSON, Secretary.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
OFFICE, No. 7 MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, Jan. 1, 1869.

EIGHTH DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of EIGHT PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GLOBE FIRE INSURANCE CO., CORNER OF GREENWICH AND FULTON STS.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
R. H. PERRINE, Secretary.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of the MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. free of all government taxes, on and after Monday, the 4th inst., at their office, No. 128 Broadway.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.
A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

SIXTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Board of Directors have this day declared, from the earnings of the last six months, a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent., and an extra dividend of two (2) per cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
W. WILSON UNDERHILL, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1869.

DIVIDENDS.

TWENTY-THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.

OFFICE JERSEY CITY INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 1 MONTGOMERY-ST.,
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 30, 1868.

The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., (free from tax,) payable on and after Jan. 2, 1869.
A. B. DEAN, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30, 1868.

The transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and be reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 12.
A dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of National and State taxes, payable in common stock, on and after Jan. 25, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on the 4th of January next. All payable at this office.
All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.
S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five (5) Per Cent. free of United States tax, payable on demand, at their office, No. 45 Wall-st.
L. REMSEN LANE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.

TWENTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.
PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 237 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
A Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. has been declared, payable on demand, free from Government tax.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,
IRONTON BUILDINGS, No. 56 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1868.

FORTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Six (6) per Cent. out of the earnings of the road for the three months ending 31st inst., and also Two (2) per Cent. out of the earnings of steamers, sailing vessels, tugs and launches, for the year 1868, both payable in gold, to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 5th of January next. Transfer books will be closed on the afternoon of the 26th inst., and reopened on the morning of the 5th prox.
HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

ROME, WATERTOWN AND OGDENSBURG RAILROAD,
VICE-PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
No. 13 COLLEGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Five per Cent. (free) to stockholders of record at this date, payable on and after the 16th January. New-York stock will be paid at the Mercantile National Bank for a period of sixty days, and thereafter only at the Company's office, Watertown.
J. A. LAWYER, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY,
CORNER 4TH-AV. AND 27TH-ST., NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. from the earnings of the past six months on the capital stock of the Company, (free of Government tax,) has been declared, payable to the stockholders on and after Jan. 2, 1869. The transfer books will be closed from Dec. 17, 1868, to Jan. 5, 1869, both inclusive.
WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.

KNICKERBOCKER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, OFFICE, No. 94 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors held this day, a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, was declared payable on and after Jan. 11, 1869.
The transfer books will be closed from this date until Jan. 11, 1869.
JOSEPH L. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

COMMERCE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, OFFICE, No. 27 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on and after FRIDAY, the 8th inst.
WM. E. HOXIE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUDSON IRON COMPANY,
HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1868.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF this Company have this day declared a dividend of Twenty per Cent., payable at their office in this City on the 12th day of January, 1869, to the stockholders whose names shall on that day stand in the books of said Company as stockholders.
S. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 283 BOWERY, NEAR HOUSTON-ST.
DIVIDEND.—THE TRUSTEES HAVE DECLARED a Dividend of SIX PER CENT. per annum (free from tax) on all sums of from $5 to $10,000, entitled thereto for the six months and three months ending Dec. 31, payable on and after Jan. 20.
ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free of all taxes, payable on and after Jan. 2, proximo.
The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. until Jan. 2.
B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 108 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1868.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., free of Government tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January next.
The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 14, 1869.
GEO. I. SENEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD CO., (STONINGTON LINE),
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.

A DIVIDEND OF 3½ PER CENT. FREE of government tax, will be declared at the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, to be held at the office of the company, No. 359 Washington-st., on the 18th day of January, 1869.
Transfer books will be closed until the 19th prox.

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TO BREST OR HAVRE.
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ASIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27
NOVA SCOTIAN leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27
RUSSIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10

Chief Cabin Cabin.....$130
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An experienced surgeon on board.
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Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, $80 and $75.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140.
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FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.

COLORADO.....3,015 tons.....Jan. 20, at 10 A. M.
HENRIETTA.....2,900 tons.....Jan. 27, at 2 P. M.
MANHATTAN.....2,965 tons.....Feb. 3, at 10 A. M.
NEVADA (new).....Feb. 10, at 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold; steerage, $32, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
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SIBERIA.....Jan. 7 TRIPOLI.....Jan. 28
ALEPPO.....Jan. 14 PALMYRA.....Feb. 4
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For Freight or Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
E. CUNARD.

NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP TROMPETOR
Will leave SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 12 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, Nos. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
The Inman line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF BOSTON.....Saturday, Jan. 9, 1 P. M.
CITY OF MANCHESTER (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Jan. 16, 9 A. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Jan. 23, 1 P. M.

And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$30 and 35
To London	105	To London	35 and 40
To Paris	115	To Paris	42 and 47
Halifax	20	Halifax	15
St. John's, N. F., by	45	St. John's, N. F., by	30
Branch Steamer		Branch Steamer	

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought now at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA VIA PANAMA.
THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, sailing from Panama about the 30th, upon the arrival of the British Mail Steamer at Aspinwall. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaving New-York for Aspinwall on the 4th of each month will make the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo booked there for San Francisco, Puget's Sound, Victoria, Mobile, Acapulco, and to all points on the Mississippi River.
No Havana freight received on day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 68 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M. (if Sunday)

FOREST.....SATURDAY, Jan. 9
MARIPOSA.....KEMBLE, SATURDAY, Jan. 16

Freight taken on as low terms as by other lines through rates.
For freight or passage apply to the agents.
E. H. CROMWELL & CO., No. 46 Wall-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.
The first-class steamship SUNNY SIDE, 1,500 tons, will leave Pier No. 4 North River, cor. SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 82 West-st.
Cabin passage $15.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company.—Steamer ARIZONA sails on THURSDAY, Dec. 31, at 12 M., from Pier No. 42 North river.
Freight received until 4 P. M. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Freight Agents.

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FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND WEST.
PIONEER LINE.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and well known side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA, R. CROWELL, Commander, will be dispatched as above, on SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 8 North River. Cabin rates reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston, WINYARD & CO. Forward all goods free of commission.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 10 Wall-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS, DIRECT.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 22d of every month.
MERRIMACK, Capt. I. F. TINKHAM, Jan. 22.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. C. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Feb. 22.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. E. SLOCUM, March 22.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Fernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
H. B. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC AND MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, Jan. 20,
at 3 o'clock P. M., promptly, from Pier No. 4 North River. For freight or passage apply to
GEO. S. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precise, from Pier No. 4, North River.
ALABAMA.....Thursday, Jan. 7
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS.....Thursday, Jan. 14
COLUMBIA, Capt. R. VAN SICE.....Thursday, Jan. 21
For freight or passage apply at the Company's office.
GEO. S. HARTSON, President.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, sailing every twenty days. The fine sid-wheel steamship SAN FRANCISCO, Capt. J. W. BARTLETT, will leave Pier No. 17 East River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, $45 currency, for freight or passage apply to
ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 41 Beaver-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA.
Carrying the United States mails.
The well-known side-wheel steamship
BIENVILLE, J. S. BAKER, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River,
SATURDAY, Jan. 9, at 3 o'clock P. M.
DE SOTO follows.....
Through rates and through bills of lading to Galveston, Indianola, Matagorda, Rock Port, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and to all points on the Mississippi River.
No Havana freight received on day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
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STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.
BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE,
BETWEEN
NEW-YORK AND BOSTON, NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD and CAPE COD TOWNS AND SANDWICH.
Rates of fare and freight always as low as by any other regular line.
One of the Magnificent Steamboats,
NEW PORT or OLD COLONY,
Leaves Pier No. 28 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 4 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.
By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 8 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 6:10 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains; or rest undisturbed, breakfast on board, and take 7:35 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston by early forenoon hours.
T. LEFFINGWELL, Agent.
NEW-YORK, Aug. 19, 1868. No. 77 Broadway, N. Y.

STONINGTON LINE.
TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.
Save time as soon as by any other line.
The new and elegant side-wheel Steamship
CONNECTICUT, Capt. GEO. B. RUSS,
From Pier No. 32, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 4 P. M.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at the principal hotels, at No. 5 Astor House, and at Jacot's Express office, No. 944 Broadway, and on board.
J. D. S. BABCOCK,
President Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip, for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL PRINTER,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1868.

In pursuance of the provisions of the fourth section of the joint resolution to set in further regulate the printing of the public documents, and the purchase of paper for the public printing," approved on the 27th of July, 1868, sealed proposals will be received until TUESDAY, the 26th day of January, 1869, at 5 o'clock A. M., for furnishing the Paper for the public printing until the 31st day of December, 1869; the said proposals to be opened before, and the award of contracts to be made by the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing, to the lowest and best bidder for the interests of the Government. The subjoined schedule specifies, as nearly as can be ascertained, the quantity of each kind of paper that will be required, but the contracts will be entered into for all that may be needed during the two years and no more.

CLASS 1.—UNCALENDERED PRINTING PAPER.
22,000 reams of fine Printing Paper, uncalendered, measuring 28x38 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 2.—CALENDERED PRINTING PAPER.
2,000 reams of fine Printing Paper, calendered, measuring 28x38 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
1,000 reams of fine calendered Printing Paper, measuring 28x38 inches, and weighing forty-four pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 3.—SUPERFINE AND CALENDERED PRINTING PAPER.
1,000 reams superfine Printing Paper, hard-sized and super-calendered, measuring 25x38 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
1,000 reams superfine Map Paper, sized and calendered, of such sizes as may be required, corresponding in weight and quality with the superfine 25x38 inches, and weighing twenty-one pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.
CLASS 4.—BOOK AND CALENDERED PRINTING PAPER.
3,000 reams Demy, 20x24 inches.
3,000 reams Double Demy, 20x24 inches.
2,000 reams Folio Post, 17x22 inches.
1,000 reams Double Folio Post, 22x34 inches.
500 reams Medium, 18x23 inches.
500 reams Royal, 19x24 inches.
500 reams Super Royal, 20x28 inches.
500 reams Imperial, 22½x31 inches.
200 reams Cover Paper, measuring 22x25 inches, and of any required color or colors.
2,000 reams of any required size not enumerated above, and not exceeding 21x30 inches.
CLASS 5.—WRITING PAPER, (to be of any required weights.)
3,000 reams Quarto Post, 8x10 inches.
3,000 reams Flat Cap, 13x16½, or 14x17 inches.
3,000 reams Double Cap, 16½x21, or 17x28 inches.
3,000 reams Demy, 16x20½ inches.
2,000 reams Double Demy, 20½x32 inches.
2,000 reams Folio Post, 17x22 inches.
1,000 reams Double Folio Post, 22x34 inches.
500 reams Medium, 18x23 inches.
500 reams Royal, 19x24 inches.
500 reams Super Royal, 20x28 inches.
500 reams Imperial, 22½x31 inches.
200 reams Cover Paper, measuring 22x25 inches, and of any required color or colors.
2,000 reams of any required size not enumerated above, and not exceeding 21x30 inches.
CLASS 6.—PAPER FOR PRINTED BLANKS, (engine-sized.)
1,000 reams, measuring 20x26 inches, weighing 42 pounds per ream.
1,000 reams, measuring 22x26 inches, weighing 52 pounds per ream.
1,000 reams, measuring 26x32 inches, weighing 45 pounds per ream.
500 reams, measuring 18x29 inches, weighing 30 pounds per ream.

Proposals will be received for the whole quantity, or for any portion not less than one thousand reams, of the papers designated in Classes 1 and 2, and for the whole quantity, or any portion of the papers designated in Classes 3, 4, 5, and 6, not less than one-fourth. Samples of the quality of the papers, in all the classes, will be furnished upon application at this office, and the successful bidders will be required rigidly to conform to the samples furnished.

Each class will be considered separately, and be subject to a separate contract, but bidders may offer for one or more of the classes in the same proposal.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bond with security to the approval of a United States Judge or District Attorney, in the penalty of $10,000, that the bidder or bidders, if his or their proposal shall be accepted, shall furnish the articles proposed for; and each proposal must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the person or persons making said proposal are manufacturers of or dealers in the description of paper which he or they propose to furnish.

All the paper in the several classes must be delivered at the Government Printing Office, in the City of Washington, in good order, free from all and every extra charge or expense, and subject to the inspection, count, weight and measurement of the Congressional printer, and be in all respects satisfactory.

The shipping of an inferior article in any of the classes or a failure to supply the quantity required at any time, will be considered a violation of the contract. Blank forms will be furnished upon application at this office, and no proposal will be considered which does not conform exactly thereto.

Proposals will be indorsed on the envelope "Proposals for Paper," and addressed to the *Joint Committee on Public Printing*, either to the care of Hon. H. B. Anthony, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing; Hon. A. H. Ladin, Chairman of the House Committee on Printing; or John D. DeFrees, Congressional Printer, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.
JOHN D. DEFREES, Congressional Printer.

PROPOSALS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE DEBATES IN CONGRESS.
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING,
FORTIETH CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1868.

The Joint Committee of Public Printing of the Fortieth Congress, third session, invite sealed proposals until the 14th of January, 1869, for reporting and publishing the debates in Congress, in accordance with the following section of an act approved July 20th, 1868:

SECTION 3. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts authorizing the publication of the debates in Congress are hereby repealed from and after the 4th day of March next, and the Joint Committee on Printing is hereby authorized and required to invite proposals for the publication at the actual proceedings and debates in Congress, upon a plan and specifications to be previously published by them, and shall also ascertain the cost of such publication by the Superintendent of Public Printing, and shall report as soon as practicable such proposal and estimate of cost, together with a bill to provide for the publication of the debates and proceedings of Congress.

The joint committee have adopted the present plan of publication in order to secure further information on the matter, and subsequently, after revision, in a quarto form, but they also invite propositions for publication in octavo form, the whole subject is to be laid before Congress for its final approval and action.

All proposals should embrace: First, the furnishing of a corps of reporters for each House, acceptable to the Committee on Printing, and sufficiently large to report the debates promptly.

Second—The publication of the debates in a daily paper, not confined to political matter, to be issued in time to be sent from Washington by the earliest mails leaving on the morning of its publication; the proposition to state the price per copy for the first 1,000, and for each thousand sent, including all changes, corrections and additions to matter put into type; also, the prices for the publication of portions or printed matter not reported; and also the weight, size and quality of the paper to be used.

The proposal to state what the first five hundred copies of each number of the paper so printed will be furnished for, and what each additional copy will be furnished for.

Third—The manner and time of the reports so printed into quarto form, what, if any, extra charges for corrections and changes in the matter of this quarto edition on paper to be furnished by the Congressional printer, and the time and delivery for binding. The proposal to state what the first five hundred copies of each signature of the quarto edition so printed and delivered will be furnished for, and what each additional copy will be furnished for.

Fourth—Persons making proposals will state whether or not they propose to make any extra charges for the Congressional Globe and Appendix, representing the quarto edition, waiting for copy, or any other service connected with the reporting and publication of the debates; and if they do, to state what those charges will be, with the understanding that no claim will be made for remuneration or extra compensation in any shape beyond what is embraced in the proposals.

No proposal will be received unless accompanied with a bond with security, to the approval of a United States Judge or District Attorney, in the penalty of $25,000, that the bidders shall execute the work if the Joint Committee on Public Printing desire to make the contract with him or them, and each proposal must also be accompanied by satisfactory evidence, that the person or persons making it can command the necessary facilities, and are practically acquainted with the business of publishing.

The joint committee will furnish any desired information that they may possess concerning these proposals, on application to John D. DeFrees, Congressional Printer, Washington, D. C.

Proposals will be indorsed on the envelopes, "Proposals for the Publication of the Debates in Congress," and addressed to the care of Hon. H. B. Anthony, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing; Hon. A. H. Ladin, Chairman of the House Committee on Printing; or John D. DeFrees, Congressional Printer, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.
JOHN D. DEFREES, Congressional Printer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 25, 1868.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals for constructing the portion of the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad, between the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile, embracing about 2,500,000 cubic yards of earth-work, the delivery of materials for and construction of 44 miles of iron track, and of one bridging, 20,000 lineal feet of pile and trestle work, and for delivery of 400,000 cross-ties and other materials, will be received at the Company's office in the City of New-Orleans, up to 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday, Jan. 25, 1869.

Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structures and specifications of the same, dated December 10, 1868, and blank forms furnished for contracts, specifications and proposals, will be ready for delivery at the above office on and after December 20, 1868.

All proposals will be addressed to Major Gen. Wm. Vien, Chief Engineer for the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, and endorsed "Proposals for Construction."

The Company reserves the right to reject any proposal which for any reason may be deemed unsatisfactory.

JAMES RAYNOR,
President N. O., M. and C. R. R. Co.

Office of the Company in New-York, No. 61 Pine-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

ARRANGED FROM THE 1ST OF APRIL NEXT, for one or more years, a suite of unfurnished rooms, for boarding purposes, by a family of four adults; two rooms on the first floor required; must be between Lexington and 6th avs., and 59th and 42d sts; terms must be stated. Address S., Box No. 3111 Post Office.

A REFINED FAMILY CAN BE FURNISHED first-class accommodations and attendance in a private family. Address Box No. 4,068 Post Office. Reference required. No. 134 West 126th-st. Unexceptionable location.

BOARD WANTED BY A GENTLEMAN, wife and daughter (8 years old); front room, with bed-room adjoining; location between 42d and 52d sts.; terms moderate. Address A., Box No. 1,360 Post Office.

NO. 50 WEST 15TH-ST.—A DESIRABLE second floor, (three rooms,) handsomely furnished, to let, with first-class board, to gentleman and their wives, or a family; references.

FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH OR WITHOUT board, at fair prices; rooms large and well furnished: A 1 table, at No. 30 Great Jones-st.; front basement to rent for an office.

TO LET—NO. 72 6TH-AV., AN ELEGANT SUITE of rooms, consisting of parlor and two or more bedrooms, with restaurant of private table; also single rooms.

TO LET—NO. 71 6TH-AV., AN ELEGANT SUITE of rooms, consisting of parlor and two or more bedrooms, with restaurant or private table; also single rooms.

NO. 75 WEST 26TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and 6th avs.—Furnished rooms, with board, suitable for gentlemen and their wives; also, rooms for single gentlemen. References exchanged.

FIFTH-AV., OPPOSITE THE BREVOORT HOUSE.—Superior suites of rooms, with private table, if required; also, single rooms, with board, in the first-class house No. 16 5th-av.

NO. 59 15TH-ST., NEAR IRVING-PLACE, two handsomely furnished rooms, to a family or party of gentlemen, with first-class board. Reference required.

NO. 44 WEST 23D-ST.—A PARLOR AND bedroom on parlor floor, and two large rooms above, to let, with or without private table; also reception room, suitable for a physician. References required.

A LADY AND HER DAUGHTER DESIRE board in a genteel boarding house, between 14th and 34th sts. Best of reference required and given. Address Dr. L., Post Office Box No. 305.

TO LET—IN NINTH WARD, PARLOR AND bedroom, furnished, with partial board, to single middle-aged gentlemen; family private. Apply at No. 658 Greenwich-st.

FIFTH-AV., NO. 135.—FURNISHED ROOMS, en suite, or single, with board, permanent or transient; private table if desired.

AT NO. 14 9TH-ST., BETWEEN 5TH-AV. and University-place, a single room on third floor, with grate; dinner at 6 o'clock.

A LARGE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR, handsomely furnished, to let with board, at No. 15 West 24th-st.

TO LET—AT NO. 217 WEST 36TH-ST., FURnished rooms and bedrooms, convenient for housekeeping, with or without board.

NEW AND HANDSOMELY FURNISHED rooms, with or without board, may be had in desirable location, No. 100 West 31st-st.

NO. 1,168 BROADWAY—THREE LARGE furnished rooms to let, without board, below 28th-st.

NO. 20 WEST 16TH-ST.—FIRST-CLASS BOARD. rooms with board for gentlemen.

ELEGANT ROOMS—FIRST-CLASS BOARD. Apply to W. C. B., No. 103 Liberty-st.

PROPOSALS.

SUPPLIES FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY.
PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. NAVY,
No. 29 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, to be indorsed on the envelope, "Bids for supplies advertised," will be received at this office until 1 o'clock P. M. on the 18th inst., for the following supplies of the very best quality, to be delivered, free of expense, at the Navy-yard, New-York, subject to the inspection of the Navy Agent:

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION.
30 reams Fools-cap, 30 reams Regulation, 20 reams Letter, 30 reams Note, Papers (50) dozen Official, 200 dozen Letter and 500 dozen Note Envelopes; 200 sheets Tracing and 200 sheets Blotting Paper; 50 gross Steel Pens, 36 dozen Pen-holders, 6 dozen Penknives, 3 dozen blue Lead Pencils, 3 dozen Rubber, 3 dozen pints black ink, 6 dozen vials red Ink, 3 dozen Ink Erasers, 20 dozen camels' hair Pencils, 50 dozen metallic Rulers, 100 Erasers, 50 spools Taste, 4 ships' Seals, 8 pieces (or about 200 yards) white Muslin, 5 pieces Ravens' Duck, 30 pounds blue, 30 pounds red and 50 pounds white Lace Tinsel. All the above to conform with the samples, &c., to be seen at the Navigation Office in the Navy-yard, to be delivered without delay.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS.
200 gallons Fish Oil, to be delivered in tight and suitable vessels, to supply deficiencies under the contract of D. Babcock, on class No. 3, dated July 8, 1868.

2,000 pounds beef Tallow, *pure*, to be made from fresh fat, free from lime or other foreign substances; 56 pounds Castile Soap; 50 pounds Brushes—two brown Scrub, 10 pounds Cloth Brushes, 10 pounds Hair Brushes; 10 pounds C. C. Soap, best quality *material and manufacture*; 15 chaldrons Coke; 668 pounds Banca Tin; 19 boxes Tin Plates, I. C. 1x14 to X. X. 14x20, to be of the best chemical brand and to be free from copper; 1,000 pounds Bar Iron; 985 pounds Lead Pipe, ½ inch to 3 inches diameter; 3 pounds to 18 pounds per lineal foot, to be drawn and carefully bent; 50 pounds Lead for spluicing, to be free from seams or other defects; 2,832 pounds Sheet Lead, 5 pounds to 45 pounds per square foot, 7 to 16 feet long, 30 to 60 inches wide. Samples of articles under the contract of Alonzo A. Foster, on classes Nos. 43, 44, 64 and 83, dated July 8, 1868.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids that may not be considered for the advantage of the Government, and to award each article or item separately, as may be most to its interest. Responsible security required for the faithful performance of supplies awarded within twenty days. Blank forms, with further particulars, to be obtained at this office. Proposals not duly indorsed or not enveloped as required, or made in all respects to conform with this advertisement and blank forms furnished, will not be considered. Parties making proposals are invited to be present at the hour above named, when the bids will be opened.

J. C. ELDREDGE,
Paymaster, United States Navy.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, COR. OF HOUSTON AND GRENNE STS.,
NEW-YORK CITY, Jan. 4, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, in DUPLICATE, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each, are invited and will be received at this office until 12 M., Jan. 15, 1869, for the erection of two frame buildings at Fort Hamilton, New-York Harbor, of one and a half stories each, of the following dimensions: 26 ft. x17 ft. and 26 ft. x75 ft., each building having a porch front and rear.

Plans and specifications of the work can be seen at this office.

Bidders must state the time within which they will complete the work, and will be required to give guarantee (two responsible sureties) for the faithful completion of the work.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Payment will be made when the work is completed, upon the acceptance of the Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Hamilton.

By order of RUFUS INGALLS,
Brevet Major-Gen. and Asst. Qmr. Gen. U. S. A.

DRY GOODS.

MISS M. GREGG,
No. 19 5th-av.,
In consequence of retiring from business will offer
for the remainder of this month,
at greatly reduced prices,
the balance of her stock;
consisting of CLOAKS,
IN VELVET,
SILK,
CLOTH and
PLUSH,
WALKING SUITS IN COLORED VELVET,
SILK and
WOOLEN GOODS,
and a few OPERA CLOAKS.

Also, a great variety of CLOTHS, VELVETS, THREAD and GUIPURE LACES, FRINGES, GALOONS, ORNAMENTS, BUTTONS, &c.

FURS! FURS! FURS!
GREAT SACRIFICE—J. B. TERRY HAVING CONCENTRATED HIS IMMENSE AND CHOICE STOCK OF LADIES' FINE FURS, AT HIS UPTOWN STORE, IS NOW OFFERING THEM AT LESS THAN MANUFACTURERS' PRICES IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR
SPRING GOODS.
THE PRICES WILL ASTONISH YOU.
J. B. TERRY,
No. 19 UNION-SQUARE.

A STRAKHAN FURS AND MINK FURS at half-price; great bargains in Furs of all kinds: Ermine Furs, half-price; Velvet Bonnets and Velvet Hats; Children's Furs.
L. BINNS, No. 577 Broadway, up-stairs.

AUCTION SALES.

VALUABLE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF BOOKS AT AUCTION.
LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Clinton Hall, Astor-place, Book Salerooms and Art Galleries,
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS,
Private collection of
Theological and Miscellaneous Books, embracing many very valuable works on the Fathers, Councils, Commentators, Ecclesiastical Divinity, &c., also, in History, Biography, Belles-lettres, &c. Catalogues ready, and books on exhibition.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN & CO., Auctioneers.
FRIDAY, Jan. 8, AT 10 A. M., AT THE Central Salerooms, Willoughby-st., corner Pearl-st., Brooklyn, a general assortment of parlor, chamber and dining-room furniture, plated ware, China, velvet and other carpets, stoves, &c.; also two-seat sleigh and harness, in good order.

GEORGE COOK, Auctioneer.
GENTEEL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—To-morrow, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock, at No. 141 Liberty-st., a small assortment of first-class furniture, worthy the notice of buyers. Catalogues at sale.

J. BOGART, Auctioneer.
J. BOGART WILL SELL COFFEE, FRIDAY, Jan. 8, at 11 o'clock, at the store-house, Nos. 105 and 108 Gautevoort-st., 88 barrels of coffee, ground, in good order, sold for cash.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY.
THOMAS WILLIAMS, Jr., Auctioneer, No. 123 Church-st., will sell on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., a quantity of dry goods belonging to the estate of Mr. J. Friedman, of Brooklyn, now in bankruptcy, by order of E. J. HOOKER, Esq., Assignee.
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Several second-hand carriages for sale cheap.

FOR SALE—THREE FINE LARGE BAY Horses, 15 to 17 hands high, 6 to 7 years old; fit for coach or span of any size; very valuable sound and kind, at No. 220 Delancey-st., small gate.

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FOR SALE—FOR WANT OF USE, HORSE, truck and harness. Apply to SLANCHARD & CO., No. 365 East 14th-st.

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SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY TWO RESPECTABLE YOUNG girls, situations in a small private family—one as cook, washer and ironer, and can make good bread; the other as chamber-maid and waitress; can both give good City reference; they would like to go together. Can be seen for two days at No. 205 East 20th-st., near 3d-av.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT WOman, a situation as nurse and seamstress; is capable of taking full charge of a baby from its birth; can bring it up by the bottle; has good reference; no objection to the country. Can be seen at No. 45 Elizabeth-st., Working woman's Home.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITUAtion as seamstress; would go out by the week or month; has no objection to the country. Can be seen at No. 89 West 11th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., in the rear.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT woman a situation as good cook in a private family; is an excellent baker; City reference if required. Can be seen for two days at No. 261 Mulberry-st., corner of Houston.

WANTED—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE young woman, a situation as nurse; is willing to assist in chamber work; has got the very best City reference from her last place. Call for one day at No. 315 East 35th-st.

WANTED—AT BOOKHAM'S, NO. 329 4TH-AV., City or country situations for a large number of recommended cooks, cooks, washers and ironers, laundresses, waitresses, chambermaids, ladies' maids, nurses, housekeepers of all nations.

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ALBANY.

Proceedings in the Legislature Yesterday.

Discussion in the Senate on the Railroad Quarrels.

Bills Introduced Concerning the Excise Law.

From Our Own Correspondents.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1869.

Both Houses of the Legislature convened promptly at 11 o'clock this morning, and both adjourned a little after 12.

Senator BEACH called up his resolution referring to the Railroad Committee the inquiry into the issue of new stock by the directors of various railroads of the State, with instructions to report what legislation, if any, is needed to protect *bona fide* stockholders. The resolution elicited considerable debate. Senator CAMPBELL, of the Railroad Committee, thought it should go to the Judiciary Committee for the reason, first, that the Railroad Committee was already overworked, and second, that the inquiry would resolve itself into a simple legal question. Senator HALE was opposed to courting any participation in a fight that had defiled everybody who had engaged in it, and thought it would be time enough for the Senate to join in these railroad quarrels when the subject was brought before them by some of the aggrieved parties. As long as the stockholders were satisfied with the management of their directors, it was not incumbent upon the Senate to interfere. Mr. CREAMER thought otherwise; these railroad quarrels had become a public scandal; they had disgraced the Courts, both Federal and State, and the Legislature, which was above Courts and Judges, was the proper body to apply the remedy. The discussion ended in the adoption of the resolution as offered.

The Assembly transacted little business beyond adopting a resolution to adjourn to-morrow until Wednesday of next week, in which the Senate will doubtless concur. A few bills were noticed, among them one by Mr. HARTMAN, of New-York, for an amendment to the Excise law. Its provisions are in the main like the bill of Senator CREAMER noticed yesterday. The Assembly committees will not be announced till the latter part of next week—some say not until after the Senatorial fight is over—and until they are announced the House will not be in condition to proceed to business.

THE UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP.

The Senatorial fight continues to be the all-engrossing subject of discussion inside and outside the Legislature. The hotels are crammed with lobbyists, who all take a hand in the fight on one side or the other, each hoping to turn up on the winning side, and thus secure aid for his future lobbying schemes. The FENTON men still maintain the assurance with which they started out, and their leader has taken a parlor at the Delavan House as a more convenient rendezvous for his friends. But he has a host of bitter enemies working against him, and the stories that are circulated of his duplicity and double-dealing, breaches of faith and downright lying would fill a large volume. It would appear from the common talk about him, that he had made promises to nearly every Republican in the State, and had kept faith with no one but EDWIN E. FENTON. MORGAN'S friends are not so blustering and voluble as their opponents, but they claim to have great strength in reserve, which will show itself when the proper time comes. Their candidate receives far less abuse from those who were once his friends that FENTON does, and appears to have made fewer pledges that he was unable to redeem. Third candidates are occasionally spoken of—among them GEORGE WM. CURTIS, GRISWOLD, ROBERTS, WOODFORD and others; but FENTON and MORGAN still continue the chief figures in the canvass. Judge DAVIS, who was thought by some to have a contingent position in the ring of candidates, has formally withdrawn, and simultaneously therewith HORACE GREELEY made his appearance in the legislative halls. Whether he is to take DAVIS' place, or simply act as bottle-holder to FENTON, is the anxious query of the lobby just at present.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

There are a score or more of tolerably fat offices to be filled by Gov. HOFFMAN, "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." First and foremost is the Health Officer of New-York, worth all the way from $20,000 to $100,000 a year. Then there are ten or a dozen Harbor Masters, thirteen or fourteen Port Wardens, a Port Captain, several Canal Appraisers, &c. The Senate, being in a Republican majority of two, is not likely to give its "advice" in favor of the appointment of a Democrat, unless that advice is paid for and paid for handsomely. Hence, the anxiety to know who, if anybody, is for sale. The Democrats no less than the Republicans are anxious on this point—the former perhaps even more than the latter. Assuming (not a rash assumption, I hope) that no Republican will sell his advice for filthy lucre, one of two things must necessarily follow; either the present incumbents of these various fat offices must hold over, or else there must be some trading done. Now, HOFFMAN, it is said, is opposed to all trading or trafficking, bartering or bargaining with the enemy. His motto is total non-intercourse. He wants to stand on his dignity—the dignity of a new Governor who has an ambitious eye to the Presidency. But Tammany wants the spoils and will have them, as they can only be had by trading, the Governor must drop dignity and turn trader. Traffic he must, and it will be an interesting employment for men who have nothing else to do to watch the terms of the bargain, as they develop themselves during the coming session of the Legislature. Tammany is willing to trade off all the other berths for that of Health Officer, and as Dr. SWINBURNE could not get the confirmation of the Senate last year, when appointed by a Republican Governor, it looks as though he might be the first man sacrificed to the necessities of the situation.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. CREAMER—Relative to the salaries of the members of the Metropolitan Police.

By Mr. FOLGER—To submit to the people the Constitution proposed by the late Convention.

By Mr. KENNEDY—Conferring certain powers on the Board of Education of Syracuse.

By Mr. HALE—To amend existing laws relative to bribery.

By Mr. MURPHY—Incorporating the Fulton Market Fish Mongers' Association.

By Mr. CAULDWELL—To repeal the act relative to bridges over the Croton River, in Westchester County, passed in 1861.

By Mr. NICKS—Dividing the County of Steuben.

By Mr. MURPHY—Amending the act incorporating the New-York Bridge Company.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. HALE—Of citizens of Clinton and Essex Counties for state aid to the Whitehall and Plattsburg Railroad.

By Mr. CAMPBELL—Of citizens of Oneida County for the repeal of acts pertaining to the National Guard.

By Mr. MORRIS—To increase the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. CRESSWELL—Relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions.

By Mr. KENNEDY—Authorizing the City of Syracuse to issue bonds and take stock in the Syracuse Northern, and Syracuse and Chenango Valley Railroad.

By Mr. HUBBARD—Authorizing the construction of a railroad in Twenty-third and other streets in New-York.

By Mr. FRENCH—Providing an amendment to the Constitution of the State respecting the number of Judges of the Court of Appeals and their term of office.

By Mr. TWEED—To amend an act entitled, "an act to revise and consolidate the general acts relative to public instruction."

By Mr. GRAHAM—Authorizing the village of Middletown to issue bonds on said stock in the Oswego Midland Railroad.

By Mr. KENNEDY—To amend the charter of the East Indian Telegraph Company.

RAILROAD STOCK.

On motion of Senator BEACH the resolution offered by him yesterday was taken from the table, directing the Railroad Committee to investigate the facts and circumstances connected with the issue of stock by the Central and Hudson River Railroads, and report what action, if any, is necessary to protect the rights of *bona fide* stockholders in railroad corporations.

Mr. CAMPBELL moved an reference to the Judiciary Committee. Lost by yeas 11, nays 18.

On motion of Mr. TWEED the resolution was amended by instructing the Committee to report in thirty days. The resolution was then adopted, the Lieutenant-Governor giving the casting vote.

A concurrent resolution relating to adjournment was received from the Assembly and tabled.

The Senate then adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Governor transmitting the annual reports of the Metropolitan Board of Excise, the Metropolitan Police Board, the Inspector in Chief of Steam Boilers, the Niagara Frontier Police Board, and the Board of Health of the Metropolitan Sanitary District. Ordered to be printed.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. RICHMOND—The petition of FREDERICK ZIMMER, claiming a seat in the Sixth Assembly District of New-York.

By Mr. HARTMAN—The petition of JAMES MCKEEVER, claiming a seat in the Fourteenth District of New-York.

By Mr. RICHMOND—The petition of ALEXANDER MCLEOD, claiming a seat in the Thirteenth District. Also JOHN V. GRIDLEY, claiming a seat in Eleventh District of New-York.

By Mr. JOHN B. DAVIS—The petition of WILLET N. HAWKINS, claiming the seat of JOHN DECKER, of Richmond County.

Mr. ROOT presented several petitions for State aid to the Whitehall and Plattsburg Railroad.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. BERRIS—

Whereas, Large additions have been made from time to time to the capital stock of the Hudson River Railroad Company, the New-York Central Railroad Company and the Erie Railroad Company, and as grave doubts exist as to the right of the said companies to increase their capital stock; therefore,

Resolved, That a special Committee of five be appointed for the purpose of investigating all the facts and circumstances connected with such issues of stock, with power to send for persons and papers, and with directions to report what, if any, legislation is necessary to protect the rights of stockholders in railroad corporations, and to prevent the secret issue of stock therein.

A debate arising the resolution was tabled.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. ALLABEN—Authorizing the New-York Produce Exchange to increase the amount of its capital stock.

By Mr. RICH—Amending the charter of the village of Akron, Erie County.

By Mr. LA BAU—To amend the act incorporating the People's Savings Bank.

By Mr. ALLABEN—Incorporating the Loan and Security Bank of Brooklyn.

By Mr. SICKELS—To amend the act relating to the preservation of moose, wild deer, birds and freshwater fish.

By Mr. HACHTMAN—To better regulate the sales of intoxicating liquors in the Metropolitan Police District.

The bill proposes to amend the Metropolitan Excise law by vesting the exclusive power to grant licenses for the sale of beer, wines and liquors at retail, in the Mayors of New-York and Brooklyn under such restrictions as the Common Council may prescribe. In the Counties of Westchester and Richmond the Boards of Supervisors shall have exclusive power to grant licenses.

By Mr. HARTMAN—To amend the act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Metropolitan Police District of the State of New-York.

This bill proposes that the Board of Excise may grant licenses to persons of good character to retail liquors on the following terms: For a license for the sale of malt liquors, $5; for hotels with fifty lodgers, $5; with one hundred or more rooms, $250. All drinking places to be closed at midnight on Saturday.

Mr. ALLABEN introduced a bill empowering the New-York Stock Exchange Company to increase their capital to $350,000.

Mr. LA BAU's bill proposes to permit the People's Savings Bank of New-York to receive deposits from trustees, guardians, and others, and to pay interest thereon at the same rate as allowed to general depositors; also allowing the bank to loan money on bond and mortgage in the same manner as other institutions are allowed.

A concurrent resolution to adjourn from Thursday to Wednesday, the 13th, was passed.

Adjourned.

WEST INDIES.

ARRIVAL OF THE MORRO CASTLE FROM HAVANA.

The steamship *Morro Castle*, which left Havana Jan. 2, reached this port yesterday. Purser ALBERT has our thanks for courtesies.

CUBA.

Affairs in Havana—Revolutionary Demonstrations—Progress of the Insurrection.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1869.

The letter published in the TIMES of the 24th ult., IN WHICH I GAVE a conversation between Gen. LERSUNDI and Mr. MORALES LEMUS, has caused quite an excitement among Cubans and Spaniards. I have not heard whether Mr. LEMUS himself denies the correctness of the conversation, but some of his friends are very loud in denouncing the conversation as an impossibility, because they claim that Mr. LEMUS has been an abolitionist for over thirty years. Very prominent and reliable Cuban gentlemen, however, sympathizers with the revolution, assure me, on the other hand, that they have known Mr. LEMUS for the same length of time and have never heard him express any opinion in regard to slavery. Another bombshell has been a pamphlet by Mr. JOSE MARIA ZAYAS, hitherto a big gun in the Cuban camp; entitled "The Future of Cuba," in which the author takes strong ground against the revolution, stating, among other things, "Shall we be able to free ourselves from the fate of St. Domingo, Hayti, Mexico, &c.? Those who think so are dreaming." The *Diario* and *Prensa* find a great deal to praise in the pamphlet, because it leans toward Spain. Mr. ZAYAS is one of the editors of the *Siglo*, and has been always looked upon as one of the most talented of Cubans, who now give him quite a different position, and, owing to a recent illness of that gentleman, have had little difficulty in circulating the report that he is suffering from softening of the brain.

FEMALE REVOLUTIONISTS.

The burial of young CISNEROS, which has been the grand political demonstration of the Cubans, and of which you will find a detailed account below, has convinced me that fully three-fourths of the Cubans, if not more, are earnest in their desire to shake off the privilege of being governed by Spaniards. The Cuban ladies in particular, who, as a general rule, are so mild and amiable, that a stranger considers them very indolent, are aroused and contributing funds, and inciting the men to join the Revolutionists. I should not be surprised to hear of a company of Cuban ladies taking the field; they are undoubtedly as determined, if not more so, than the majority of their male fellow citizens. Instances are known where ladies in male apparel have joined and fought in the ranks of the insurrectionists.

GRAND REPUBLICAN DEMONSTRATION.

The Cubans seem to have taken a leaf from the French political volume, and to have studied with considerable advantage the tactics of the French oppositionists as displayed over the grave of BAUDIN. The most significant demonstration that Havana has ever witnessed took place last Thursday, astonishing the demure propriety of the loyal Spaniards, and appealing with a silent eloquence to the sympathies of all whose humanity had not been dried up and withered by the fierce fires of prejudice and partisan feeling. CAMILO CESPEDA, a young man belonging to one of the first families of the District of Santo Espiritu, was arrested some time ago by the Government authorities for connivance with the revolution, and being brought to this city was lodged in the Royal Prison. Poor fellow! death shortened the time of his captivity, and a few days ago his body was taken from the prison to the Montserrate Church. What shall be said of the charity of the parish priest who refused to receive his body, grounding his refusal on the fact that the deceased was a rebel, and that no rebel could profane his church. What language is strong enough to denounce the vindictiveness of a minister of religion which declares forgiveness of injuries one of its fundamental principles of belief, following even to the grave and desecrating the halo of its sanctity by conduct that would have disgraced Hottentots? The body having been refused admission by the Christian (?) pastor of Montserrate was taken to the "*Yglesia de la Salud*," (Church of Health,) where it remained from 8 o'clock on the night of the 30th until 3:30 on the morning of the 31st. An immense crowd of people collected in the vicinity of the church, and over seventy private carriages were in readiness to accompany the body on its last resting place in the general cemetery. A splendid hearse was in waiting to receive the body as it came out of the church, but the intimate friends of the deceased refused to allow it to be born thus, and the body was carried on the shoulders of friends and sympathizers, through the streets to the burial ground, the empty hearse forming part of the vast procession. After starting, between seventy and eighty carriages fell into the ranks of the funeral cortege, followed by some 1,800 persons on foot, which number was increased to 5,000 before reaching the cemetery, for as the procession moved slowly, the Cubans joined it by hundreds. The affair electrified everybody, and the Spanish element raged wide-mouthed in surprise at this bare, grand, silent tribute to the virtues and political principles of the dead. When the funeral reached the cemetery, one of the Police Board attempted to impede the entrance of the immense crowd, but soon he slunk off completely abashed, and the vast assembly enlarged the precincts of the burial ground, and afterwards separated as peaceably as they came. An immense number of respectably attired negroes attended the funeral, and many contended for the honor of carrying the coffin. Strange to say, the newspapers have made no reference to this imposing funeral, not the opportunity passed by the Cubans to give expression to their sympathy with the cause of Cuban Independence.

THE SITUATION.

The military situation in the insurrectionary districts has undergone very little change since my last, and if I may except an engagement between the revolutionists and Spaniards, some seven leagues from Puerto Principe, in which the former were, according to Government accounts, badly defeated and routed, with a loss of 150 killed and wounded and a considerable quantity of war material, nothing has occurred of sufficient importance to warrant its narration here.

QUASIMODO.

Affairs in Matanzas—Speculations as to Revolutionary Plans—Rumors of Important Operations.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MATANZAS, Friday, Jan. 1, 1869.

Ever since the departure of VALMASEDA from San Miguel on the 20th December, there has been a comparative lull in military matters. The interest of the insurrection now hinges on his movement. If he succeeds, and enters Boyamo, the rebellion, though by no means crushed, will have lost that balance and moral power which the possession of a fixed seat of Government gives. Your readers are no doubt aware that in the latter part of November GEN. VALMASEDA, at the head of a comparatively small column, started on his first "On to Boyamo" trip. Simultaneously with his movement, other bodies, under Col. BENEGASI and Cols. LOMA and QUINOE, took up a line of march for the same objective point. Each column was driven back, or at least met with such formidable obstacles in the way that they were compelled to return, fagged, worn and with heavy loss, to their points of departure. The main body reached the coast at Nuevitas, having sustained a severe check at Alta Gracias. After the failure of this combined movement operations were limited to desultory fights at Moron, Cobre, Leopiche, and other points, which, though they kept the spirit of either party alive, resulted in nothing decisive. The rebels kept and keep Santiago de Cuba, Manzanilla, and Puerto Principe in a state of siege, and seem to be securing the country, more to pick up stray parties of Government troops than to gather recruits, provisions, or to accomplish anything which might have a powerful bearing on the end in view. We are, of course, totally in the dark as to the plans of the insurgents. Their movements are wrapped in mystery, and as all news from them comes through the Spanish lines, and is filtered through an official censorship, no special reliability can be placed on them. The underground railway, though at work daily, is entitled to little more credence. Rumors are plentiful and "reliable men"—black as well as white—are numerous enough to satisfy a sensation editor. I was told by a Cuban the other day, with an air of great mystery, that the rebels numbered about 24,000 armed men, besides a multitude of camp followers and unarmed braves waiting for the first fight to don the armor of their dead enemies; that CESPEDES had lately held a grand review at Boyamo, at which 15,000 men were under arms; that a body of 300 Cubans from the Western Department had landed at Guanaja; that 100 Americans, with a large number of guns and munitions, had disembarked at some unknown point on the north side, and so on *ad infinitum*. Reports are as numerous, contradictory and impossible as our grandevine dispatches of Virginia memory. If it be true, however, that CESPEDES did hold a review, no matter what number of men composed it, it shows that the rebels have made at least one important step forward, in recognizing the necessity of having the semblance of an organized force. Their late operations have been of the most ultra guerrilla character, and have resulted in nothing more than a continual harrassing and annoying of the Spanish columns. It is true that they caused the combined November movement to come to grief, but they can never succeed except by annihilating the Government troops in pitched battles. Roving parties, acting under irresponsible leaders, and not directing their efforts to the accomplishment of some defined object, are as great a burden to the country over which they move as they can be a terror to the enemy. With the Government, the objective point is clear—it must be Boyamo, the capital; whereas with the rebels, the necessities of the case point to the enemy's army in the field as the prize for which they are to struggle. That they need a port for the introduction of the munitions of war is evident, but it is equally clear that they cannot hold a port against the navy, even after having taken it. They have few pieces of artillery and cannot be very rich in either powder or ball. In a recent sally of the Spanish garrison at Manzanilla, they drove the advance of the besieging force back and captured from them two pieces of cannon, one of which is a curiosity and reflects no small credit on the ingenuity of the rebels. It is of the size and shape of a 12-pounder howitzer, but made of wood and secured by broad bands of iron. In the interior it is lined with copper, and apparently had stood several discharges. Before the Spaniards took it, however, it had been burst, probably by an over charge. The other piece was of antique mould, which had probably seen service in olden wars. They were both carried off to the city by the Spaniards, when they withdrew, and have been sent to Havana as trophies.

GEN. VALMASEDA, as I have said, set out from San Miguel on the 20th, with the head of his column turned toward Boyamo. San Miguel is a small place a few miles from Nuevitas, and is the point where he has been resting since the battle of Alta Gracias. It is distant from Boyamo, by the road, 71 leagues, or 213 miles. His journey lies through the town of Las Tunas, where he will probably be joined by the garrison. A supporting column is to start, also, from Holguin, and possibly a demonstration in force from Manzanilla. It is difficult, in fact impossible, to arrive at a correct estimate of his force; but, in view of the garrisons that must be left at Havana, Matanzas, Manzanilla, St. Iago de Cuba, Cardenas and the other ports, he cannot have more than 5,000 troops of the line. There may, perhaps, be also 2,000 or 3,000 volunteers, so that his entire column cannot number more than 7,500 men, of whom three-fourths are effective. Three days ago he was reported to be at Las Aunas, about fifty miles from Boyamo. Although he has gotten thus far, the worst part of his journey is yet to be passed over. Before him, crossing his path, is the river Jalado, and, five miles farther, the main river Cauto, of which the Jalado is a branch. These rivers are not very deep, and may be forded in certain places, but they could be made a formidable obstacle, if the rebels appreciate fully the advantages which they give. A small expedition was recently sent from St. Iago de Cuba up the Cauto River, with orders to penetrate as far in to the interior as possible. The expedition consisted solely of the light draft steamer *Dauntless*, carrying on board a company armed with needle guns, besides her usual complement of artillerists. The object was, no doubt, to explore the way up to the neighborhood of where VALMASEDA would be compelled to cross, as well as so to put themselves in communication with him, and to give him the protection of her heavy guns in transferring his army to the south bank. If such was the object, however, it was not accomplished.

After ascending the river for a short distance they discovered a redoubt of the rebels, manned by about sixty men and armed with an iron piece and a small mortar. Fire was opened at once on it, and the insurgents were prevented from using the cannon. From the mortar they threw a stone weighing about twenty-five pounds, striking the vessel and starting one or more of her planks. The volleys from the needle guns, however, soon stopped all firing on the part of the Cubans, and they were forced to lie close under cover of the work. The Spanish commander states that he would have landed and occupied the redoubt, but "his ammunition happening to give out," he was compelled to drop down the river. The whole story reads like one of your myriad gun boat encounters during the late war, especially the failure in the supply of ammunition.

This is the last movement, of which we are informed, which bears upon the Valmaseda expedition. The next news which reaches us will announce either its failure or success. The rebels seem to have desisted from their ubiquitous raids. And for their own good it is to be hoped that they are concentrating so as to present a bold and organized front to the invader. The roads leading to Boyamo, from all directions, are reported to be obstructed by felled trees, wide and deep ditches and upturn bridges. It is a splendid country for guerrilla fighting. The roads are narrow and the forests dense, and the undergrowth impenetrable, except to a practiced woodsman. Wherever the obstructions referred to above are thickest and most difficult to be avoided, the rebels locate their ambuscades and pour a heavy well-directed fire upon the enemy, while they are entangled in the meshes which they have laid.

In the immediate vicinity of this place there have been no evidences of any importance. A faint effort was made at Jaguey Grande, but resulted in nothing. The people are all in a ferment, but it expends itself in devout prayers that the rebellion will succeed. The stalwart men of the East, the small planters, the herdsmen, and the *guajiros* of the mountains must bear the brunt of the war. In this rich cane-growing portion of the island where the slave-wealth is almost entirely concentrated, there are too many conflicting interests at work to permit men to embark fully in a movement which may result in the imposition of utter poverty on those who are now wealthy. All Cubans sympathize, more or less, with the effort for freedom which their brothers are making, but they are slow to move, and there is now no probability of an outbreak in this West.

This morning placards appeared posted on various houses in the city bearing expressions in favor of a free Cuba annexed to Spain. Little notice has been taken, however, of this demonstration. There is scarcely wonder expressed to know who did it.

Commercial matters very dull. Weather unfavorable and receipts short. Quotations nominal, 7½@. No. 12 clayed, and 7a. to 7¼@. for fair to good refining.

YUMURI.

The College of William and Mary, in Virginia—Application for Aid.

UNION PLACE HOTEL, NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Presuming on the interest you took some months ago in the restoration of the College of William and Mary, at Williamsburg, Va., I ask you to give a place in the NEW-YORK TIMES to this communication, intended to set forth the present condition and necessities of the institution. "The destruction," so says Gen. MEADE, "of the buildings of William and Mary College by our troops was not only unnecessary and unauthorized, but one of those deplorable acts of useless destruction which occur in all wars." Its losses during the late war exceeded those of any other Southern college. The liberality of some gentlemen, W. W. CORCORAN, of Washington, A. T. STEWART, W. E. DODGE, AUGUST BELMONT, ROBERT BONNER and others, in New-York and elsewhere, enabled the college authorities to begin last year the work of reconstruction.

The buildings are now considerably more than half finished, and may be fully prepared by the first of the next collegiate term. To effect this additional funds are required; and, notwithstanding the various and innumerable calls on the benevolence of New-York, I am obliged to make another appeal to it.

The importance to the cause of education, in the tide-water region of Virginia especially, of the interest I represent, forces me to ignore what scruples or delicacy I may have or feel. I venture to hope that this attempt to complete the restoration of a college, the oldest, excepting Harvard, in the United States, and the educator of a large proportion of our most distinguished national men will not prove vain, and, further, that the City of New-York, by giving her aid, will add to the distinction she deservedly enjoys as the fountain-head of so many noble charities and benefactions.

With much respect, I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

BENJ. S. EWELL,
President College of William and Mary.

The Epiphany—Observance of the Festival Yesterday.

The Feast of the Epiphany was solemnly observed yesterday in the Protestant Episcopal and Catholic Churches of this City, Brooklyn and Jersey City. For 300 years the Christians of the East celebrated the Christmas on this day, as well as the manifestation of our Lord to His disciples—the events to which the name refers. Subsequently the western christians divided the feast, fixing on the 25th of December for the observance of the Nativity, and the 6th as the day separately observed by the Latin and Protestant Episcopal churches since then. The attendance at all the churches yesterday was large, and the ceremonies at some were elaborate and impressive.

At Zion Church, Bishop SOUTHGATE's, in Madison-avenue, full Cathedral service was performed, and the anthem "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light," was given with fine effect. The church was decorated with evergreens woven into crosses, triangles, circles and various other devices. On the altar were fourteen large tapers and several smaller ones, and around each pillar several tapers were disposed. At the conclusion of the service the rector made a brief address appropriate to the occasion.

The Epiphany was celebrated at St. George's Church, in Flushing, by a Sunday-school festival, arranged by the teachers and parents of the children. The interior of the church was decorated with ivy and evergreens, and at the head of the aisle stood a Christmas tree nearly forty feet high, resplendent with frost-work, fruit and flowers. The seats and aisles were filled with spectators or sharers in the festivities. The rector, Rev. J. CARPENTER SMITH, opened the ceremonies with prayer, after which the infant school sang a very pretty carol. Familiar addresses to the children followed from Mr. SMITH, Rev. Mr. COOK, of Jamaica, and Rev. Mr. WEBER, of College Point, interspersed with hymns by the children, who were afterward made happy by the gifts.

At the Episcopal Church of All Saints, situated on the corner of Henry and Scammel streets, a festival was given to the children of the Sunday School last evening by their pastor and tutors. The interior of the edifice was elaborately decorated. A gigantic Christmas tree stood on the altar. It was lighted by gas, and was fruitful with presents, which were distributed among about 350 Sunday School scholars. A pleasant opening address was made by Rev. Dr. S. H. WESTON, Assistant Minister of Trinity Parish, and was followed by the reading of the service for the Festival of the Epiphany by Rev. Mr. HOBSON, of Keyport, N. J. A carol "While Shepherds watch the flock by night," was very prettily rendered by the infant class, numbering 200 children.

Billiards.

Last evening a match at the French carom game took place at Braisted's Rooms in Fourth-avenue, in the presence of a large number of invited guests, the contestants being Messrs. FOSTER and RALPH BENJAMIN, the meeting being the result of a wager between the friends of the two parties, FOSTER's admirers wagering odds of $100 to $80 that he could score 300 points in the French game before BENJAMIN could score 150. After a lengthy contest, made up by several unnecessary plays for safety, FOSTER came off the victor by a score of 300 to 281, FOSTER scoring 300 while BENJAMIN made 181. The highest run of the winner was 16, BENJAMIN's being 14. FOSTER scored double figures nine times to BENJAMIN's once. The average of FOSTER was less than one and a half, and BENJAMIN less than one.

Meeting of New-Haven Railroad Commuters.

Pursuant to an agreement on the 30th ult., a number of commuters upon the New-Haven Railroad waited again yesterday morning upon the President of that road to request sundry additions to the number of trains and in the time of their starting. Later trains than those now running, were demanded as a convenience to those who wished to attend amusements in the City, and a more frequent communication was desired.

The President, Mr. BISHOP, was unable to give the gentlemen calling, as yet, any satisfaction, but hoped shortly to do so. The meeting was therefore adjourned until Wednesday next.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

SAFETY IN RAILROAD TRAVELING.—The attention of Railroad officers is called to the advertisement of the Creamer Safety Brake in another column. This improvement is simple and effective, and has received the approval of eminent railway engineers.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The Board of Trustees of common schools of the Sixteenth Ward organized last night by the election of ARTHUR ANNATT Chairman, and T. J. MEIGHAN Clerk.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6—11 A. M.

The Money market opens quiet at the following quotations: Consols at 93¼ for money, and 93¾ for the account. United States Five-twenties, 74¾. Stocks steady. Erie, 36¾; Illinois dull at 86¾.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Jan. 6—11 A. M.

COTTON—The market opens quiet at the following quotations:

Middling Uplands.....11½d.
Middling Orleans.....11¾d.

The sales of the day are estimated at 12,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—The market opens quiet. Corn, 37s. 6d. a quarter for Old Mixed Western, and 38s. for New. PRODUCE—Petroleum quiet and unchanged.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6—11 A. M.

Tallow quiet. Sugar quiet and steady, both on the spot and to arrive.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6—4:30 P. M.

Consols closed at 93¾ for money, and 93 for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds dull at 74¾. Stocks firmer: Erie, 36¾; Illinois, 86¾.

BREADSTUFFS—Wednesday, Jan. 6.

United States Five-twenty Bonds, 73½@74¼ for the issue of 1862.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Jan. 6—4:30 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed quiet at the following quotations:

Middling Uplands.....11d.@11¼d.
Middling Orleans.....11¼d.@11¾d.

The sales of the day have been 12,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour, 27s. 6d.@28s. 6d. per bbl. for West ern Canal.

PROVISIONS—Lard, 68s. per cwt.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Linseed Oil, £27 10s. ₱ ton. Tallow, 46s. ₱ cwt.

ANTWERP, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Petroleum firm at 53f. 50c. for Standard White.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6—5 P. M.

Consols for money, 93¾; for account, 93¾@93⅞. Bonds quiet at 74¾. Illinois Centrals, 86¾. Erie unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Jan. 6—5 P. M.

COTTON—The market is quiet. Middling Uplands, 11d.@11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d.@11⅝.

PROVISIONS—Lard, on the spot, 68s. Pork, Prime Mess, for Eastern Prime Mess, 90s. Bacon, 57s. for Cumberland Cut.

HAVRE, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

COTTON—The market is unchanged.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 6—130 P. M.

Consols have advanced to 93⅞ for money and 93 for account.

The Stock market is firm.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Bourse steady; Rentes, 70f. 25c.

HAVRE, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

COTTON market firmer for both Troy Orleans. Low Middlings, to arrive, 124f. 25c.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Exchange on New-York, 1-100@¼ premium. FLOUR steady with an improved demand; sales of 2,000 bbls. at $6 25@6 50 for Spring Extras; $6 75@7 25 for Spring Superfine; $8 50@9 for Extra, $9@11 for Pennsylvania and Ohio Extra Family, $9@10 50; Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota do., $7 75@8; Fancy, $11@13. WHEAT dull and drooping; prices unchanged; No. 2 scarce and advanced; sales of 2,600 bushels New Yellow at 90c.@$1; Mixed Western, 93c. OATS, 32c.@36c. PORK—Mess, $21 50@21 75. LARD, 15c. HIGHWINES, 90c. Receipts of Flour, 2,000 bbls.; of Wheat, 4,000 bushels; of Corn, 3,000 bushels; of Oats, 1,000 bushels. Shipments of Flour, 2,000 bbls.; of Wheat, 2,000 bushels; of Corn, 1,000 bushels; of Oats, 1,000 bushels.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

TOBACCO dull and unchanged. COTTON in good demand; choice Middling held at 28c.@28c. HEMP active; Dressed, $3 35. FLOUR firm; Superfine, $5 60@$6 80; Extra, $6 90@$8 25. WHEAT firm; No. 2 Red and Low Choice, $1 70@$1 80; Choice Spring firm at $1 40. CORN unchanged. OATS advancing; sales at 56c.@58c., the latter for Choice White. RYE advancing; sales at $1 20@$1 30. BARLEY—Fancy, $1 60@$1 70. WHISKEY steady at 87½c. MESS PORK, $22. BULK MEATS buoyant, with advancing tendency; loose Shoulders, 15c.; Hams, 14c.; Clear Rib Sides, 14½c.; Packed Shoulders sold at 13½c.@13¾c.; Clear Sides, 15½c.@16c. BACON higher; Clear Sides, 17¾c.@18c.; Shoulders, for next week, 14c. Sugar-cured HAMS, 17½c.@18c. LARD firm at 15c. for tierces. HOGS active; Light Extra so Heavy, 3¼c.@3½c. CATTLE unchanged, with small business. RECEIPTS to-day—1,600 bbls. Flour, 3,000 bushels Wheat, 2,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 Hogs.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

FLOUR steady and unchanged. CORN—White, 76c.@76c.; Yellow, 80c. OATS, 83c.@70c. BRAN dull at $1 37. HAY unchanged. PORK quiet and firm at $22 50@23. BACON scarce; Shoulders, 14½c.; Clear Rib Sides, 18¾c.; Clear Sides, 19¾c. LARD—Tierces, 18¾c.; Keg, 19½c.; SUGAR and MOLASSES active; Common Sugar, 8c.@10c.; Prime, 12c.@12¼c.; Yellow Clarified, 14c.@14½c.; Common Molasses, 55½c.@57c.; Prime, 60c.@66c.; Choice, 69c.@70c. WHISKEY—Western Rectified, $1 10@$1 15. COTTON steady; Prime Rio, 16¾c.@16¾c.; Fair, 16¾c. COTTON weaker and ⅛c.@⅜c. lower; Middlings, 26¾c.; sales, 3,500 bales; receipts, 3,081 bales; exports, 2,411 bales. Gold, 125¾. Sterling Exchange, 107½@108. Commercial, 105¾@106¼. New-York Sight Exchange, ½@¾ cent. discount.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Thursday, Jan. 6.

FLOUR steady; sales 425 bbls. City Ground Spring at $7 50@$7 85. RYE FLOUR nominal at $7 75. MEAL dull; sales 500 bushels White Michigan at $2 10; 425 bushels No. 1 Milwaukee Club at $1 80; 700 bushels Western Spring at $1 45, on the track. CORN firm; sales of 5,000 bushels Ohio at 86c., in store; 5,000 do. at 86c., on the track, to arrive; 2,450 bushels New at 85c., in store. OATS nominal at 45c. for Western in store. RYE held at $1 20@$1 25. BARLEY—Two-rowed about a firmer feeling in the market; sales 1,500 bushels Canadian at $1 30, in store. PORK firm at $20. LARD firm at 15½c. HIGHWINES NOMINAL; sales 200 bbls. at 85c.; 50 bbls at 94c., closing firm at the outside prices. HAY, $12 25@$13.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

FLOUR unchanged. GRAIN unchanged. COTTON dull; Middlings, 26c. WHISKY in fair demand at $1. DRESSED HOGS firm and in demand; extra, $12@$12 25; Light, $11 50@$11 75. Sales of Pork, 300 barrels Mess at $22 75@$23, buyer January at $22 75@$23. BULK MEATS held at 12c.@14½c. for Shoulders. Sides. Clear Rib and Clear Sides. BACON held at 16c. for Shoulders, 17c.@18c. for Clear Rib and Clear Sides. Sales of LARD at 15c. GREEN MEATS sold at 10½c. for Shoulders, and 16c. for Hams; held higher later, with a speculative demand. Gold 134¾.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Trade is remarkably dull. COTTON—Middling Uplands, 27¼c.; Middling Orleans, 28¼c.@28c. FLOUR inactive; Superfine, $5 50@$6; Extra, $6@$7; Pennsylvania and Ohio Extra Family, $8@$10 50; Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota do., $7 75@$8; Fancy, $11@$13. WHEAT dull and drooping; prices unchanged; Red scarce and advanced; sales of 2,600 bushels New Yellow at 90c.@$1; Mixed Western, 93c. OATS, 32c.@36c. PETROLEUM—Crude sold at 20c.@21c.; Refined, Jewerish and unsettled. SUGAR in increased demand; sales 200 hhds. Cuba at 11¾c.@11¾c. COFFEE and MOLASSES unchanged. PROVISIONS firm. WHISKY steady at $1 01@$1 02.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Wednesday, Jan. 6.

FLOUR steady and dull; sales 1,000 bbls. at $7 75 for No. 1 Amber Winter; $8 for Double Extra; $10 25 for White; $11 25 for Double Extra. WHEAT quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee Club, $1 70; No. 2 Chicago Spring, $1 50; White Canada, $1 80@$2 20, for common to very choice. CORN quiet at $1 05. OATS dull; sales at 68c. for Western. CORN ME